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Inch-pound units used in this report may be converted to metric units by the following conversion factors:

Multiply	<u>By</u>	To obtain
foot (ft)	0.3048	meter
acre	4,047	square meter
acre-foot (acre-ft)	1,233	cubic meter
gallon per minute (gal/min)	0.06308	liter per second

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meter	3.281	foot
hectare (ha)	2.471	acre
kilometer (km)	0.6214	mile
square kilometer (km²)	0.3861	square mile
cubic meter (m ³)	35.31	cubic foot
cubic hectometer (hm³)	810.7	acre foot
cubic decimeter per second (dm ³	/s) 15.85	gallon per minute

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ABSTRACT

This report contains lists and location maps of streamflow and reservoir stations, crest-stage partial-record stations, water-quality stations, sediment stations, and ground-water observation wells where data are currently being collected. Water-resources appraisal projects in Wyoming are described, including many that are related to development of energy resources. The general locations of the projects are shown on maps. The U.S. Geological Survey is striving to coordinate its water-resources investigations with those of other agencies. This report is one phase of that coordination effort, and serves as an annual progress report to cooperators and the public.

INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Geological Survey is the Federal agency responsible for appraising the quantity, quality, and distribution of our surface-water and ground-water resources. Through its Water Resources Division, the Survey conducts interpretive studies, supports hydrologic research, and maintains data-collection networks in every State; it also works through cooperative programs with State, local, and other Federal agencies to help evaluate or solve regional and local water problems. Results of its investigations provide a basis for many major public water-management decisions.

The Geological Survey, in cooperation with the State of Wyoming, the City of Buffalo, and other Federal agencies had five data-collection activities and 39 water-resources appraisal projects in Wyoming during fiscal year 1983 (October 1, 1982, through September 30, 1983).

The data-collection activities included: (1) Collection of records for streamflow and reservoir storage; (2) collection of peak-flow information at crest-stage partial-record stations; (3) sampling and chemical analysis of water from streams (4) sampling and sediment analysis of surface water; and (5) measurement of water levels in wells. This report contains tables of monitoring sites for these five data-collection activities.

Water-resources appraisal projects described in the report include the projects that were being conducted during fiscal year 1983 and projects completed in previous fiscal years, but for which final reports were in preparation at the end of fiscal year 1983.

The purpose of this report is to describe the water-resources investigations being done in Wyoming. The report is also intended to inform cooperating officials and the public about the accomplishments in the various investigations during the fiscal year 1982 (October 1, 1981, through September 30, 1982) and planned work for fiscal year 1983. It is one phase of an effort to coordinate the water-resources investigations of the Geological Survey with those of other organizations.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WYOMING DISTRICT

On March 3, 1879, President Rutherford B. Hayes signed a bill establishing the U.S. Geological Survey. The Sundry Civil Appropriation Act of 1888 established an Irrigation Survey as a part of the U.S. Geological Survey "for the purpose of investigating the extent to which the arid region of the United States can be redeemed by irrigation ***." The Water Resources Division of which the Wyoming District is a part, has its roots in the Irrigation Survey of 1888-1890.

There was no Wyoming District in 1888, when the Washington, D.C. office of the Geological Survey paid the installation costs for the first gaging station in Wyoming, Laramie River at Woods Landing. It was constructed and operated by the Territorial Engineer, Elwood Mead. Between 1895 and 1901 the Geological Survey paid operating expenses for additional stations operated by the State Engineer. A. J. Parshall became the first resident hydrographer for the Geological Survey in Wyoming in 1901. For the next six years there was no cooperative work with the State, but 11 stations were operated with Geological Survey and Reclamation Service funds. By 1912 the Geological Survey's network consisted of 50 stations, including 21 in cooperation with the State Engineer. Parshall was appointed State Engineer; surprisingly, he refused to allow the Geological Survey to use any part of the State's share of the funds to pay office expenses, so cooperation ended in 1912. The first official letter written by J. B. True as the new State Engineer in 1915 was to the Geological Survey, urging resumption of the coop program. Fifty gaging stations were established or re-established; cooperation with the State Engineer has continued without further interruption.

Early Federal cooperators included the Indian Service (1908) and the Forest Service (1910). In 1938 the Bureau of Reclamation established 23 streamflow stations in the Green River Basin using Geological Survey plans. The Bureau also did field work at Geological Survey stations in the area; in return the Geological Survey computed and published the records for all stations. During the postwar period, 1945-50, many new streamflow stations were established under the Interior Department's Missouri River Basin program. A flood-investigations program, started in 1959 in cooperation with the Wyoming Highway Department, has continued to the present.

Surface-water activities in Wyoming were directed from Washington until 1903, when the Colorado District was established under M. C. Hinderlider. Between 1903 and 1961 Wyoming was part of the Colorado District, with local offices at various times in Kemmerer, Sheridan, and Casper. The Wyoming District, Surface Water Branch, was established in 1961, with L. A. Wiard as District Engineer.

The earliest known ground-water studies by the Geological Survey in Wyoming were done between 1901 and 1917 by G. I. Adams in the Goshen Hole area; N. H. Darton and others in the Great Plains, Bighorn Mountains, Laramie Range,

U.S. Statutes at Large 1887-89, The Sundry Civil Appropriations Act of 1888: Washington, v. 25, chap. 1069, p. 526.

and Black Hills; and O. E. Meinzer in Lodgepole Valley. State cooperation has been continuous since 1940, when the Wyoming Planning and Water Conservation Board sponsored a study of the Egbert-Pine Bluffs area by T. W. Robinson. Cooperation with the State Engineer has continued since 1945. In 1959 all State cooperative ground-water work was consolidated under the State Engineer program. A number of ground-water studies in that part of Wyoming that lay in the Missouri River Basin was conducted by the staff of the Montana Ground Water District during 1945-53 with funds made available under the Missouri River Basin (MRB) program. From 1949 to 1953, most of this work was done from a Montana District field office at Riverton, Wyo. From 1954 through its termination in 1959, the MRB ground-water program in Wyoming was accomplished through the District office in Cheyenne. Ground-water work for other Federal agencies has also included measurements of discharge and power consumption for the Rural Electric Association (REA) in 1941, and a continuous series of studies of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks for the National Park Service starting in the early 1960's and ending in 1982.

Ground-water work in Wyoming was directed from Washington until 1945, when Wyoming became a part of the Colorado District under S. W. Lohman. The local geologist in charge was A. M. Morgan. In 1951 the Wyoming District, Ground Water Branch, was established, with H. M. Babcock as District Geologist.

Surface-water quality work in Wyoming began with the establishment of an office and sediment laboratory in Worland in March 1946, with T. F. Hanly in charge. The program was directed by P. C. Benedict, Regional Engineer, in Lincoln, Nebr. In 1948, chemical quality or sediment stations were in operation at 16 sites in the Bighorn Basin and 5 sites in the North Platte River basin under the Department's Missouri River Basin program. By 1953, the program included 39 chemical-quality stations and 42 sediment stations.

In February 1956 the office in Worland was designated as a District Office, Quality of Water Branch, with a field office in Riverton; the Riverton office was reassigned to the Surface Water Branch in October 1964. The first sediment station in the State cooperative program was established on Rock Creek near Atlantic City for the Wyoming Natural Resources Board in 1957. The State Engineer started a cooperative chemical-quality program to evaluate the effects of the Kendrick Project on the North Platte River in 1959. Since 1965 the Wyoming Department of Agriculture has been principal State cooperator for chemical quality, and the State Engineer for sediment data. In 1966 water-quality work in the Green River Basin, previously done by the Utah District, was transferred to the Wyoming District.

The District sediment laboratory was established in Worland in 1946 when the office was opened. In September 1982 the Worland office was closed and the sediment-laboratory function was transferred to Iowa City, Iowa. In recent years the lab served the Montana, North Dakota, and Alaska Districts, as well as the Wyoming District. The chemical laboratory was moved from Worland to Cheyenne in 1969 and was immediately downgraded because of the establishment of the Water Resources Division Central Laboratory in Salt Lake City. (The Central Laboratory was later moved to Denver, Colorado.) Since 1966, however, basic salinity analyses of samples collected for the State programs have been done by the State laboratory in Laramie for direct services credit in the cooperative program with the Wyoming Department of Agriculture.

The Branch districts were combined into a single Water Resources Division district in February 1967. The programs and staff of the District changed little until 1974. Within two years the staff doubled and the budget tripled, mostly in response to the pending boom in development of coal and other energy resources. The water-quality data program, in particular, increased several-fold. Significant new programs were started in cooperation with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The District staff had increased from approximately 40 employees in 1973 to approximately 75 by 1980. In 1981 and 1982, however; energy-related programs decreased significantly due to reductions in Federal funds. Today the District has approximately 50 employees, with field offices in Casper, Green River, Riverton, and Buffalo. (The field office in Buffalo was closed September 1983). Approximately two-thirds of the funding is for work in cooperation with other agencies, and one-third is for participation in the Survey's energy programs, regional aquifer-system assessments, and other Geological Survey national programs. Reconnaissance and inventory studies have given way to problem-oriented, multi-disciplinary studies and increased use of digital models. Major water-resources problems now being addressed by Wyoming District programs include the hydrology of energy-minerals areas, the hydrologic effects of energy development, the effects of human activities on water quality, and the availability of ground water to meet the rapidly increasing demands of agriculture and industry.

Water Resources programs have been directed by the following supervisors located in Wyoming:

Surface Water Branch: (Cheyenne)	Leon A. Wiard (District Engineer)	10/61 - 2/67
Ground Water Branch: (Cheyenne)	Horace M. Babcock (District Geologist)	10/51 - 1/58
	Ellis D. Gordon (District Geologist)	2/58 - 2/67
Quality of Water Branch: (Worland)	Thomas F. Hanly (District Chief)	2/56 - 2/67
Water Resources Division: (Cheyenne)	District Chiefs Leon A. Wiard	2/67 - 8/68
	Robert L. Cushman	8/68 - 6/73
	Sam W. West	12/73 - 12/78
	William W. Dudley, Jr.	4/79 - 8/82
	Richard M. Bloyd	2/83 - present

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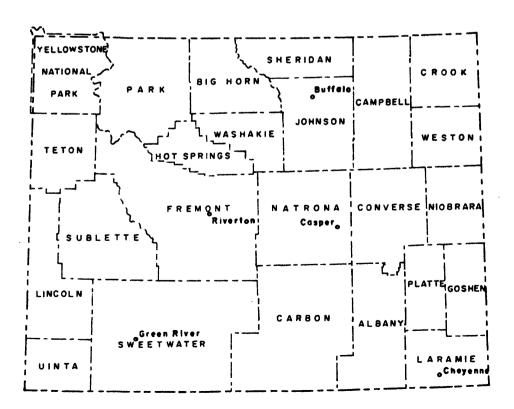


Figure 1.--Location of offices in Wyoming.

WYOMING DISTRICT ORGANIZATION CHART

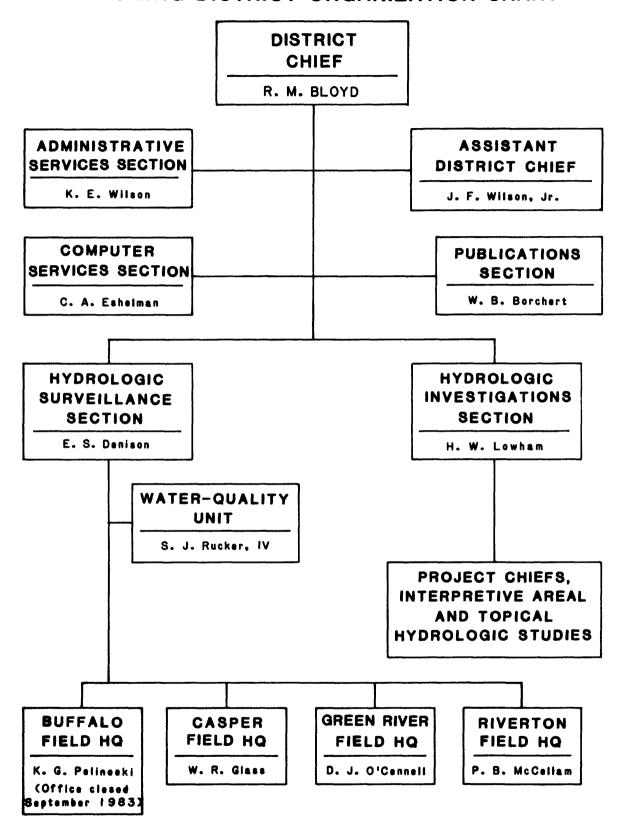


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DATA-COLLECTION SITES

Lists of data-collection sites and the kinds of hydrologic data being collected at each are given as follows: Table 1, streamflow and reservoir stations; table 2, crest-stage partial-record stations; table 3, water-quality stations; table 4, sediment stations; and table 5, ground-water observation wells.

The station numbers for the stations listed in tables 1-4 conform with the standard downstream order for listing stations within each major river basin. The first two digits of the assigned eight-digit number, such as 06207500, identifies the major river basin in which the stream resides. The digits '06' refer to the Missouri River Basin. The remaining six digits identify the relative position of the station, with numbers increasing in the downstream direction. The section, township, and range location of each data station is given in the tables.

The well numbers listed in table 5, ground-water observation wells, are based on the U.S. Land Grant System. A detailed explanation of this system can be found on the page preceding table 5. The wells are listed in numerical order by counties.

Abbreviations and codes are used to conserve space in the tables. Explanations of the abbreviations and codes precede each table.

The locations of streamflow, reservoir, water quality and sediment stations are shown in figure 3. The locations of crest-stage partial-record stations and ground-water observation wells are shown in figure 4. The station numbers on the maps are abbreviated by not showing the two-digit basin number and the last two digits if zero.

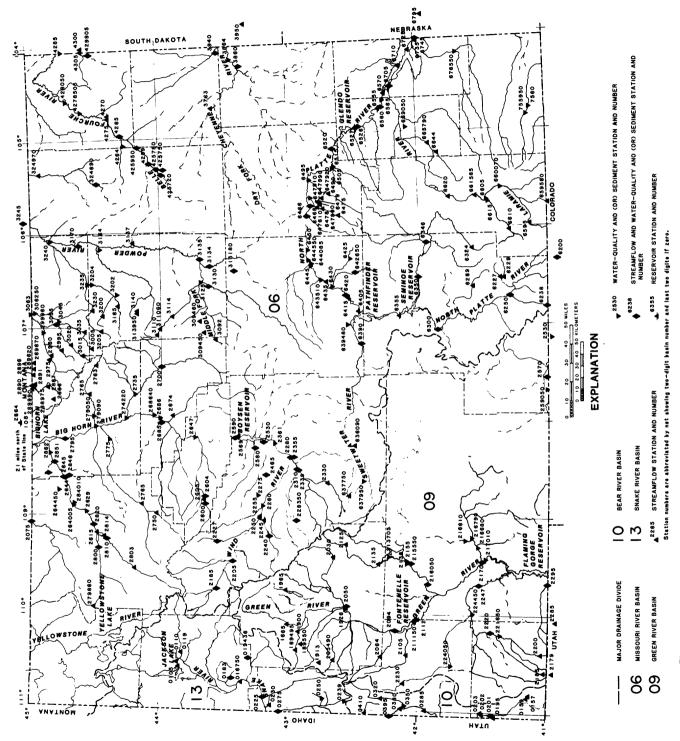


Figure 3.--Map showing locations of streamflow, reservoir, water-quality, and sediment stations, 1983 water year.

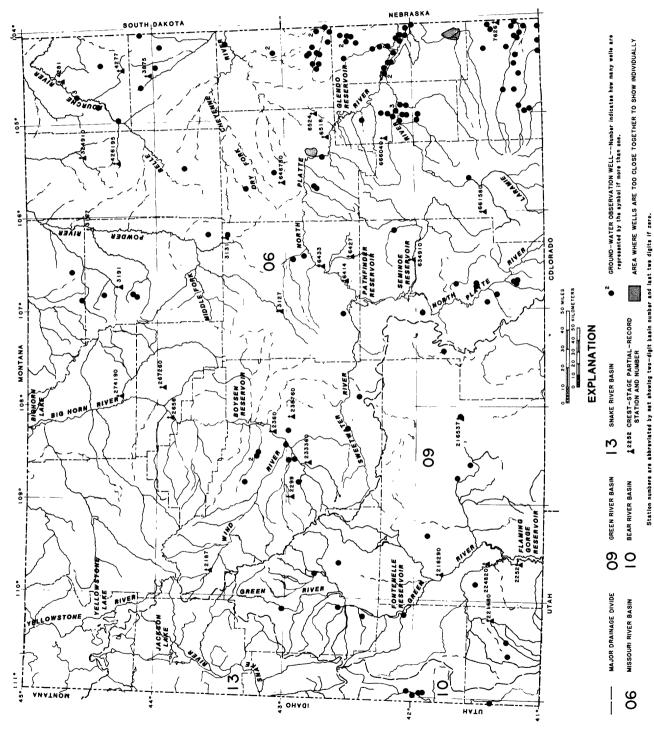


Figure 4.—Map showing locations of crest-stage partial-record stations and ground-water observation wells.

Table 1.--Streamflow and Reservoir Stations

Explanation of abbreviations and codes used in table 1.

Purpose:

- B bench-mark or long-term-trend station
- C current-purpose station such as accounting, operation, forecasting, disposal, water quality, compact or legal, research or special study
- H hydrologic station
- P principal-stream station
- R regulated station

Period of record: The dates given are the calendar years in which records began or ended. Periods of no record of less than a year are not shown.

Gage equipment:

D digital recorder S staff gage G graphic recorder W well gage

M manometer gage

Current record type:

B Buffalo

S seasonal operation (no winter records)

Y full-year operation

Field office:

C Casper

CO Colorado District

CP Cheyenne Project Personnel

GR Green River

ID Idaho District

NE Nebraska District

R Riverton

S Wyoming State Engineer

SD South Dakota District

UT Utah District

MT Montana District

Funding agency:

BIA Bureau of Indian Affairs BLM Bureau of Land Management

BRUC Bureau of Reclamation, Colorado Region

BRUM Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Missouri Region

BU City of Buffalo

CE Corps of Engineers

DEPD Wyoming Department of Economic Planning and Development

MRB Geological Survey, Missouri River Basin Program

NPS National Park Service

USE Utah State Engineer

USGS Geological Survey, Federal Program

WDEQ Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

WSE Wyoming State Engineer

WWDC Wyoming Water Development Commission

Remarks:

AWG auxilary well gage USBR furnished by Bureau of HBM hydrologic benchmark station Reclamation

* Also water-quality station. # Also sediment station.

Table 1. -- Streamflow and reservoir stations -- Continued

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* Also water-quality station. # Also sediment station.

Table 1. Streamflow and reservoir stations -- Continued

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Drainage	area (square miles)		38.2	3.2	21.7	204	37.8	24.4 120	51.0	392 45.2 10.9	24.2	24.5	100	1,150		8.	3090
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	Station name	NE RIVER BASINContinued	West Fork Little Bighorn River near	rarkwan Red Canyon Creek West Pass Creek r	<pre>Sast Pass Creek n [win Creek near P Hohline Ditch ne</pre>	Tongue River near Dayton		se Creek near Big lear Sheridan	¥	Goose Creek below Sheridan Middle Fork Powder River near Barnum Beaver Creek below Bayer Creek, near	(i)	Ditch, near Barnum North Fork Powder River near Hazelton North Fork Powder River below Bull	River	Creek, near Mayoworth South Fork Powder River near Kaycee		Dugout Creek tributary near Midwest Salt Creek near Sussex	Powder River at Sussex
	Station	YELLOWSTONE	06288990 W	06289100 R 06289600 W	06289820 E	06298000 T	06299500 W			*06305500 G 06309200 M 06309450 B	06309460 B	06311000 N 06311060 N		*#06313000 S		#06313180 p	*#06313500 F

* Also water-quality station. # Also sediment station.

Table 1. -- Streamflow and reservoir stations -- Continued

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			Drainage			Location		juəm.	q type	ə		
Station	Station name	Pur- pose	area (square miles)	Period of record	Sec- tion	Town- ship	Range	ege9 ginpə		Field offic	Fundi agenc	Remarks
YELLOWST	YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASINContinued											
06313700 06313950	06313700 Dead Horse Creek near Buffalo 06313950 North Fork Crazy Woman Creek below	н, с	151 43.4	1971- 1973-	15 28	49N 49N	77W 83W	G,3 G,3	> >	m m	WSE	
06314000	Vole Creek, near Burialo 06314000 North Fork Crazy Woman Creek near	с,н	44.9	1942-49,	27	N67	83W	Β,3	>	A	DEPD	AWG
*#06317000 06318500	*#06317000 Dulialo 06318500 Clear Creek near Buffalo	C, P	6,050	19/3- 1919- 1894,	21 6	54N 50N	77W 82W	D,G,M	>>	~ ~	WSE	
				1896-99, 1917-27,								
06320000 06320500	06320000 Rock Creek near Buffalo 06320500 South Piney Creek at Willow Park	ກ, ວ ສຸຊຸ	60.0 33.6	1941- 1945-57,	29 24	52N 52N	83W 85W	3, K	လ လ	တလ	WSE	
06323000	06323000 Piney Creek at Kearny	c,R	118	1902-06,	26	53N	83W	G,W	₩	s	WSE	
ı 7				1919-17,	-							
*#06324500	*#06324500 Powder River at Moorhead, Mont.	:	8,080	1929-72,	80	N6	48M	G,W	>	Ĕ	:	
*#06324890	*#06324890 Little Powder River below Corral Creek,	С,Р	204	1977-	12	52N	72W	D,G,M	7	A	usgs	
06324970	06324970 Little Powder River above Dry Creek, near Weston	Д	1,235	1972-	13	57N	71W	Д,С,М	>	m m	WSE	
CHEYENNE	RIVER BASIN											
06376300 *#06386000	06376300 Black Thunder Creek near Hampshire *#06386000 Lance Creek near Riverview	#A	535 2,070	1972- 1948-54,	31	42N 39N	65W 62W	D,G,M	> >	ပပ	WSE	
*06394000 *#06425720	*06394000 Beaver Creek near Newcastle *#06425720 Belle Fourche River below Rattlesnake	в, Р	1,320	1930- 1943- 1975-	18	41N 46N	M17	D,G,W	₩ ₩	ပရ	uses uses	
*#06425750 *#06425780	*#06425750 Coal Creek, near Finey *#06425780 Belle Fourche River above Dry Creek,	ပပ	71.8 594	1980- 1975-	12 25	46N 47N	71W 71W	D,G,M	>> >>	88	uses uses	
*#06425900 *#06425950	##06425900 Caballo Creek at mouth, near Piney *#06425950 Raven Creek near Moorcroft	ດ, ສ.ສ.	260 76	1977- 1977-	1	47N 48N	70W 89W	D, G, M	>> >>	88	USGS	
* Also w # Also s	* Also water-quality station. # Also sediment station.	_			_		_	_		_	_	

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Table 1.--Streamflow and reservoir stations--Continued

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			brainage area	Period	1	Location	ē	rbw e				
Station number	Station name	Pur- pose	(square miles)	of	Sec- tion	Town- ship	Range	geg	Curr	Fie:	Funq	Remarks
CHEYENNE-RI	CHEYENNE-RIVER-BASINContinued											
*#06426500	*#06426500 Belle Fourche River below Moorcroft	ပ	1,670	1943-70,	24	50N	M89	G, M	₩	æ	nsgs	
06427000 06427500	Re Be	c,8	2,000	1975- 1952- 1951-	27	51N 51N	M99	, A.	; ×	10	MR.B BRUM	USBR
*06429905 06430000	Sa	ပပ	267	1976- 1954-	2	52N 7N	60W 1E	G,X	>> >-	SS SS	USGS	
06430500	06430500 Redwater Creek at Wyoming-South Dakota State line	С,Н	471	1929-31, 1936-37, 1954-	18	N.	15	G,W	¥	SD	WSE	
NIOBRARA	RIVER BASIN											
06454000	06454000 Niobrara River at Wyoming-Nebraska State line	В,С,Н	450	1955-	15	31N	M09	D,W	*	NE	;	
PLATTE RI	PLATTE RIVER BASIN						-					
*06620000	*06620000 North Platte River at Northgate, Colo.	Œ	1,431	1904,	11	11N	80W	D,W	7	ပ	nsgs	
06622700 06622900	North Brush Creek near Saratoga South Brush Creek near Saratoga	πО	37.4 22.8	1960-74,	20	16N 16N	81W 81W	а, и о, у	> v	သလ	WSE	
*#06623800	*#06623800 Encampment River above Hog Park	В,Н	72.7	1964-	10	12N	84W	G,M	7	၁	USGS	нвм
*06625000	Creek, near Encampment *06625000 Encampment River at mouth, near Frommment	С,н	265	1940-	e	15N	83W	D,W	7	ပ	WSE	
06628900 *06630000	Pa No	С, н	91.5	1957- 1939-	27	19N 22N	82W 86W	o, X,¥	24 24	ပပ	WSE WSE	
06632400	&	В,С,Н	62.9	1965-	25	19N	M62	G,M	7	c,s	WSE	
*06634600	*06634600 Little Medicine Bow River near	а	696	1973-	22	23N	78W	G,W	>-	ပ	WSE	
*06635000	*06635000 Medicine Bow River above Seminoe	C,P	2,338	1939-	34	24N	81W	G,W	Y	ပ	WSE	
006635500	06635500 Seminoe Reservoir near Leo	ပ	7,230	1939-	8	25N	84W	ļ	1	ļ	MRB	USBR
* Also wa # Also se	* Also water-quality station. # Also sediment station.	_		_	-	-	-		_		_	

Table 1. Streamflow and reservoir stations -- Continued

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			Drainage		J	Location	G	Juen	d type			
Station	Station name	Pur- pose	area (square miles)	record	Sec- tion	Town- ship	Range	eage ginpə	Curre	Field offic	Fundi	Remarks
PLATTE RIVER	IVER BASINContinued											
06637750 06638090 *06639000	Rock Creek above Rock Creek Reservoir Sweetwater River near Sweetwater Station Sweetwater River near Alcova	с,н С,Р	9.2 849 2,327	1962- 1973- 1913-24,	27 12 25	30N 29N 29N	100W 96W 87W	D,G,W G,M	>> >> co	# # W	WSE	
06640500 06641500 *#06642000	06640500 Pathfinder Reservoir near Alcova 06641500 Alcova Reservoir at Alcova *#06642000 North Platte River at Alcova	ດດດ ຮ ຸ	10,711 10,766 10,812	1938- 1909- 1938- 1904-05,	24 24 17	29N 30N 30N	84W 83W 82W	7. D,W	54	110	MRB MRB WSE	USBR USBR
*#06642650	*#06642650 Stinking Creek above Lawn Creek, near	ပ	91.8	1934- 1983-	18	29N	80M	Ε,	>	ပ	BLM	
06643500	06643500 North Platte River near Goose Egg	ပ	15,398	1917-19 1924,47, 1950-60,	22	32N	81W	Д,С,М	*	υ	ВГМ	
*00997990	*06646600 Deer Creek below Millar Wasteway, at	с,н	213	1983- 1961-	4	33N	7.5W	G,≅	¥	c,s	WSE	
*06646800 06647500	*06646800 North Platte River near Glenrock 06647500 Box Elder Creek at Boxelder	C,R H	13,538 63.0	1959- 1946-51, 1961-67,	17	33N 31N	74W 75W	D,W G,W	**	s, o	WSE	
06647800 06647810	20	ပပ	136 138	1971- 1981- 1981-	24 6	32N 32N	75W 74W	G,M D,W	* *	ပပ	DEPD DEPD	
06647890 06647900	06647890 Little Box Elder Creek near Careyhurst 06647900 Little Box Elder Creek at Little Box	ပပ	7.18	1974- 1974-	80	32N 32N	M5/2	D, W	>> >-	ပပ	DEPD DEPD	
06647910 06647920 06649000 *06652000	Elder Cave, near Careyburst 06647910 Little Box Elder Spring near Careyburst 06647920 Cottonwood Creek near Careyburst 06649000 La Prele Creek near Douglas *06652000 North Platte River at Orin	ပ ပ ပ ပ ex	2.33 135 14,888	1981- 1981- 1919- 1895-99,	3 17	32N 32N 31N 31N	74W 74W 73W 69W	D, V D, V	****	ပပဖပ	DEPD DEPD WSE WSE	
06652700 *06652800 06655500 *06656000	06652700 Glendo Reservoir near Glendo *06652800 North Platte River below Glendo Reservoir 06655500 Guernsey Reservoir near Guernsey *06656000 North Platte River below Guernsey Reservoir	ດດດດ	15,545 15,548 16,224 16,237	1924, 1958- 1957- 1928- 1900-	24 30 27 27	29N 29N 27N 27N	M99 M99 M99	w, M, d	> >	, c, c, s	MRB WSE WSE	USBR

* Also water-quality station. # Also sediment station.

Table 1. Streamflow and reservoir stations -- Continued

			Drainage	•	I	Location	g	ment	at type			
Station number	Station name	Pur- pose	area (square miles)	reriod of record	Sec- tion	Town- ship	Range	Gage equip	Surre recor	Field offic	i bund agenc	Remarks
PLATTE RIVE	PLATTE RIVER BASINContinued											
00025990	06657000 North Platte River below Whalen	۲,۵	16,425	1909-	12	26N	MS 9	В,й	¥	c,s	WSE	
00968990	06659500 Laramie River and Pioneer Canal near	۲,2 ۲	434	1912-24,	36	14N	77W	G,W	S	S	WSE	
06659580	06659580 Sand Creek at Colorado-Wyoming	υ	29.5	1968-	54	12N	7.5W	G,W	S	S	WSE	
06661000	06661000 Little Laramie River near Filmore	С,н	157	1902-03,	4	15N	W/ /	G,W	S	s	WSE	
06661585 06662000	06661585 Laramie River near Bosler 06662000 Laramie River near Lookout	ر ۳, ۳,	1,790	1932- 1972- 1912-17, 1921-27,	10	18N 21N	74W 74W	3,°°	> v	တတ	WSE	
00779990	06664400 Sybille Creek above Mule Creek, near	с,н	194	1932- 1974-	27	22N	70W	G,W	S	S	WSE	
0625990	Wheatland 06665790 Sybille Creek above Canal No. 3,	c,2	:	1980-	4	22N	M69	G,W	S	S	WSE	
*06670500 06671000 06672500	ង់ង្គ	იიი ჯ	4,564 522 356	1915- 1928- 1931-32,	28 20 23	26N 25N 24N	62W 62W 61W	ລູດ. ຂັ ນ ີ ຊັ	> o o	သလလ	WSE WSE WSE	
06673500	.9.8	ပ ် နှ	45.9	1935- 1928- 1929-	10	23N 23N	60W 58W	9, v G, v	ω×	တပ	WSE	
00962990	State line 06679500 North Platte River at Mitchell, Nebr.	ပ	24,300	1901-10,	33	33N	N95	D,G,W	>	RE	:	
				1912-13, 1916-18, 1920-								
GREEN RIVER BASIN	ER BASIN											
09188500 09189495	09188500 Green River at Warren Bridge, near Daniel 09189495 North Horse Creek above Sherman Ranger	ပပ	468	1931- 1983-	1 8	35N 34N	111W 114W	S, S	>- >-	៩៩	WSE	
09189550	26	ပပ	33.3	1983- 1931-54, 1983-	22	34N 33N	113W	Ω, XX	**	££	WWDC	
+ Also wa	Also water-quality station.			-		_					_	

* Also water-quality station. # Also sediment station.

Table 1. Streamflow and reservoir stations -- Continued

	Remarks							USBR										
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uc	Range		115W 108W	105W 110W		115W 112W	#C 1 1	112W	104W	106W		107W 108W	107W 12E	11 7W	115W 113W	11.7W	16E 109W	₹ 5
Location	Town- ship		32N 35N	31N 30N		27N 26N	7	24N	30N	27N		24N 23N	18N 3N	12N	12N 17N	25N	12N	NZ I
	Sec- tion		25 2	22		33,8	۷	25	12	17		12 29	26	11	15	35	2883	∞
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	reriou of record		1983- 1954-	1938- 1954- 1983-		1983- 1963- 1951-	-1661	1964-	1910-11,	1914-17,	1926-34, 1935-	1981- 1972-	1951- 1937-39,	1966- 1939-	1939- 1937-57,			1910-23, 1938-
Drainage	area (square miles)		21.4	1,230		3,910	777	4,280	0.46	322		1,720	14,000	152	53.0 821	128	52.8	886
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	Station name	GREEN RIVER BASINContinued	09191300 South Cottonwood Creek near Big Piney 09196500 Pine Creek above Fremont Lake	09203000 East Fork River near Big Sandy *09205000 New Fork River near Big Piney 00205500 North Piney Creek shows American		09208400 La Barge Creek above Viola 09209400 Green River near La Barge 00370500 Green River	-	E C	09212500 Big Sandy River at Leckie Ranch,	09213500 Big Sandy River near Farson		*09215550 Big Sandy River below Farson *09216050 Big Sandy River at Gasson Bridge,	#09217000 Green River near Green River 09217900 Blacks Fork near Robertson	09218500 Blacks Fork near Milburne	09220000 East Fork of Smiths Fork near Robertson *09222000 Blacks Fork near Lyman	Hams Fork below Pole Creek, near Frontier Riscks Fork near Liftle America	09228500 Burnt Fork near Burntfork *09229500 Henrys Fork near Manila, Utah	Little Snake Kiver near Dixon
	Station	GREEN RIVER	09191300	*09203000 *09205000	0010000	09208400 *09209400	00501760	09211150	09212500	09213500		*09215550 *09216050	*#09217000 09217900	09218500	09220000 *09222000	09223000	09228500 *09228500	*09257000

* Also water-quality station. # Also sediment station.

Table 1. Streamflow and reservoir stations -- Continued

			Drainage	7	ı	Location	Ę	nent	ed type			
Station number	Station name	Pur- pose	area (square miles)	reriod of record	Sec- tion	Town- ship	Range	egge ginbə		Field	Fundi	Remarks
BEAR RIVER	ER BASIN											
10015700	10015700 Sulphur Creek above reservoir,	н, о	64.2	1957-	35	14N	119W	G,W	>-	Ħ	1	
10015900	10015900 Sulphur Creek below reservoir,	ပ	69.2	1958-	28	14N	119W	D, W	>	5	:	
10019500	10019500 Chapman Canal at State line,	ပ	:	1942-	36	17N	121W	G,W	>	5	:	
*10020100	*10020100 Bear River above reservoir, near	C,R	752	1961-	29	17N	120W	G, W	×	ħ	:	
10020200	10020200 Woodruft Narrows Reservoir near	ပ	784	1965-	32	18N	120W	;	;	;	<u> </u>	
10020300	10020300 Bear River below reservoir, near	۲,۵	784	1961-	32	18N	120W	D,W	>	Ė		
10028500	10028500 Bear River below Pixley Dam, near Cokeville	G,R	2,032	1941-43,	25	23N	120W	7,€	S	<u>5</u>	<u> </u>	
10032000	10038000 Smiths Fork near Border 10038000 Bear River below Smiths Fork, near	в,с,н	165	1958- 1942- 1954-	33	27N 25N	118W 119W	3,3°	>> >-	55	11	
*10039500 10041000	*10039500 Bear River at Border 10041000 Thomas Fork near Wyoming-Idaho State line	, , ,	2,490	1937- 1949-	15	14S 28N	43E 119W	D, W	**	55	1 ;	
SNAKE RIV	SNAKE RIVER BASIN											
13010500	13010500 Jackson Lake near Moran 13011000 Snake River near Moran 13011000 Rniffalo Rork above Lava Creek near Moran	ດ ສຸດ,ກ	807	1908- 1903-	18	45N 45N	114W 114W) A C	1 >->	888	;;;	USBR
*#13018300 13018750	Cache Creek near Snake River below	. в я, я	2,627	1962- 1975-) — m	39N		, 6, K	· >> >		USGS	нвм
*#13019438	Jackson *#13019438 Little Granite Creek at mouth, near	υ	;	1982-	34	39N	114W	D,G,M	×	<u> </u>	;	
*13022500	bondurant Snake River above reservoir, near Alpine	c,R	3,465	1917-18,	ł	;	;	G,W	X	9	:	
13023000	13023000 Greys River above reservoir, near Alpine	С,Р	877	1953- 1917-18, 1937-39,	34	37N	118W	Б,Ж	→	9	!	
*13027500	*13027500 Salt River above reservoir, near Etna	с,я	829	1953- 1953-	28	36N	119W	D,V	×	a	;	
* Also w	* Also water-mislity station	•	-	-	_	-		•	•	-	•	

^{*} Also water-quality station. # Also sediment station.

Table 2.--Crest-Stage Partial-Record Stations

Explanation of abbreviations and codes used in table 2.

Period of record: The dates given are the calendar years in which records began or ended. Periods of no record of less than a year are not shown.

Gage equipment:

CSI crest-stage indicator S-R stage-rainfall recorder

Field office:

- B Buffalo
- C Casper
- CH Cheyenne
- GR Green River
- R Riverton

Funding agency:

WHD Wyoming Highway Department

Table 2. -- Crest-stage parital-record stations

		Drainage	, i	H	Location	g	pment	ə ə ə		
Station number	Station name	area (square miles)	rerlod of record	Sec- tion	Town- ship	Range	egre egui	Field	Fund	Remarks
YEL LOWS TO	YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN									
06218700 06229900	06218700 Wagon Gulch near Dubois 06229900 Trout Creek near Fort Washakie	4.89	1961- 1961-68,	30	42N 1S	107W 2W	CSI	~ ~	WHD	
06233360	06233360 Monument Draw at lower station, near Hudson	8.38	1965-73,	21	33N	98W	S-R	×	WHD	
06236000	Kirby Draw near Riverton	129	1951-53,	ო	NI	2E	CSI	æ	WHID	
06238760	06238760 West Fork Dry Cheyenne Creek at upper	69.	1965-73,	4	34N	M76	S-R	~	WHD	
06265600 06267260	Tie Down Gulch no North Prong East	3.77	1961-	10	45N 46N	94W 91W	S-R	82 82	WHD	
06274190	near Worland Nowood River tributary No. 2 near Basin	1.51	1965-73,	28	50N	92W	S-R	æ	WHD	
06312700 06313100 06316700	South Fork Powder River near Powder River Coal Draw near Midwest Coal Draw near Buffalo	262 11.4 1.64	19/3- 1961- 1961- 1965-73,	ოდი	35N 40N 52N	8 5W 7 8W 7 7W	CSI CSI S-R	ပပက	WHD	
06319100 06324910	06319100 Bull Creek near Buffalo 06324910 Cow Creek tributary near Weston	10.8	1973- 1969- 1971-	29	50N 53N	82W 71W	CSI CSI CSI	m m	WHD	
CHEYENNE	RIVER BASIN									
06387500	Turner Creek near Osage Donkey Creek tributary above reservoir,	47.8	1959- 1970-	26	47N 50N	M17	CSI	ပရ	WHD	
06427700	e E	96.5	1959- 1962-	17	49N 54N	94W 64W	CSI	ပပ	WHD	
PLATTE RI	PLATTE RIVER BASIN									
06634910	06634910 Medicine Bow River tributary near Hanna	3.01	1965-73,	35	24N	81W	S-R	ပ	WHD	
06641400 06642700 06643300 06648780	Bear Springs Creek near Alcova Lawn Creek near Alcova Coal Creek near Goose Egg Sage Creek tributary near Orpha	9.33 11.5 5.39 1.38	1960- 1960- 1960- 1965-73,	30 8 27 18	30N 29N 32N 35N	82W 80W 81W 73W	SSI SSI STR	0000	OHA OHA OHA OHA OHA	
06651800	06651800 Sand Creek near Orin	27.8	19/3- 1955- 1961-	=	31N	7 0W	CSI	v	OHW.	

Table 2 .-- Crest-stage partial-record stations -- Continued

		Drainage	F 0 7=00	1	Location	u	Juemq	eo P		
Station number	Station name	area (square miles)	reriod of record	Sec- Town- tion ship	Town- ship	Range	Gage equi	Field	Fund	Remarks
PLATTE RI	PLATTE RIVER BASINContinued									
06652400	06652400 Watkins Draw near Lost Springs	6.95	1960-70, 1970-72,	12	32N	M89	CSI S-R	υ	WHD	
06661580 06668040	06661580 Sevenmile Creek near Centennial 06668040 Rabbit Creek near Wheatland	11.2	19/2- 1962- 1965-72,	11 22	17N 26N	77W 70W	CSI S-R	క్రా	WHO	
06762600	06762600 Lodgepole Creek tributary No. 2 near Albin	5.69	1960-	28	16N	M09	CSI	5	WHD	
GREEN RIVER BASIN	ER BASIN									
09216290 09216537 09221680 09224820	09216290 East Otterson Wash near Green River 09216537 Delaney Draw near Red Desert 09221680 Mud Spring Hollow near Church Butte, near Lyman 19924820 Blacks Fork tributary No. 3 near Green River	16.6 34.5 8.83 3.59	1969- 1961- 1965-73, 1973-	23 7 28	21N 19N 16N 17N	109W 95W 113W	CSI CSI CSI CSI	888 S	OHA OHA OHA OHA	
09225200	Squaw Hollow near Burntfork	6.57	1965-	53	14N	108W	CSI	ŧ	OH.	

Table 3.--Water-Quality Stations

Explanation of abbreviations and codes used in table 3.

Period of record: The dates given are the calendar years in which records began or ended. Periods of no record of less than a year are not shown.

Funding agency:

- BIA Bureau of Indian Affairs
- BLM Bureau of Land Management
- BRUC Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region
- BRUM Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Missouri Region
- MRB Geological Survey, Missouri River Basin Program
- USGS Geological Survey, Federal Program
- WDA Wyoming Department of Agriculture
- WDEQ Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

Sampling frequency:

- A annual
- BM bimonthly
- C continuous (recorder)
- D daily
- HL high and low flow samples only
- I infrequent or as requested
- IS every six weeks during irrigation season
- M every six weeks plus two events
- MQ monthly during summer, quarterly during winter
- Q quarterly
- SA semiannual
- SSn n = samples during spraying season
- SWF sample when there is flow
 - W weekly during irrigation season

Analysis schedule:

- 1 salinity (major constituents)
- 2 specific conductance
- 3 daily temperature (observed or recorder)
- 4 chemical oxygen demand
- 5 field determinations of: pH, specific conductance, dissolved oxygen, temperature, and (or) turbidity
- 6 fecal coliform, and (or) fecal streptococcus
- 7 nutrient
- 8 trace metals
- 9 pesticides
- 10 radiochemical

Field office:

- B Buffalo
- C Casper
- CH Cheyenne Hydrologic
 - Surveillance Section
- CO Colorado District
- GR Green River

- ID Idaho District
- MT Montana District
 - R Riverton
 - S Wyoming State Engineer
- UT Utah District

	Table		3Water-quality stations	tation	αj							
		Drainage	7	1	Location	ç		ring ing				
Station	Station name	area (square miles)	reriod of record	Sec- tion	Town- ship	Range	Fundi ageno	Sampl	Analysis schedule	Field offic	Remarks	
YELLOWSTONE	 ONE RIVER BASIN											
@ 06207500	@06207500 Clarks Fork Yellowstone River near	1,154	1965-	31	86	22E	WDA	X S	-10	¥		
@06218500	@06218500 Wind River near Dubois	232	1947-50,	25	42N	108W	WDA	0	·	æ		
#606220500	East Fork Wind River near Dubois	427	1975-	34	9 N	M9	MRB	Σ×	2.5	24 12		
@06224000 @06228000	Bull Wind	187	1974-	200	12 S	4E	WDA	: x \(\sigma	201	* & &		
@06228350	လိ	90.3	1953, 1965- 1976-	18	118	2W	BIA	Σ	1,5	æ		
@06231000 @06233900	Washakie Reservoir, near Fort Washakie @06231000 Little Wind River above Arapahoe @06233900 Popo Agie River near Arapahoe	099	1966- 1979-	23	1S 1S	38	WDA	ΣΣ		~ ~		
@06235500 06236100	@06235500 Little Wind River near Riverton 06236100 Wind River above Boysen Reservoir, near	1,904	1965- 1974-	11 25	15N 2N	38.	WDA WDA WDEQ	SSS Q M	9 1 4,5,7	~ ~		
@06246500	Shoshoni @06246500 Ocean Drain at Ocean Lake outlet, near	1	1978-	31	3N	3E	BRUM	Σ	1,5	œ		
#@06253000	#@06253000 Fivemile Greek near Shoshoni	418	1949-51, 1953,	19	3N	6E	WDA	Σ	н	æ		
#@06258000 #@06259000	#@06258000 Muddy Creek near Shoshoni #@06259000 Wind River below Boysen Reservoir	332	1965- 1983- 1953-54,	34	N4 SN	5E 6E	BRUM	E E	1,5,6,7,8	K K D		
@06260000 @06260400	လိလ	85.5 131	1974- 1974- 1974-	28	43N 43N	100W	BRUM	E E E	5.0,0,7	K R R		
06264700 06268600 06268640 @06270000	06264700 Bighorn River at Lucerne 06268600 Bighorn River at Worland 06268640 Sifek Greek near Worland 06270000 Nowood River near Ten Sleep	10,810	1966- 1966- 1981- 1967-	32 25 27	44N 47N 47N 47N	94W 93W 92W 88W	WDEQ WDA WDA	EEGG	5,6,7 1 1	***		
06273500	Paint Rock Creek near mouth, below	376	1951-53,	19	4 9N	M06	WDA	883 0	6-1-	æ		
06274220 06277500	Hyatrville 06274220 Nowood River at Manderson 06277500 Greybull River near Basin	2,000 1,115	1967- 1965- 1951-53, 1965-	30	50N 51N	92W 94W	WDA WDA	SS3 MQ MQ SS3	6116	K K		
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Table 3.--Water-quality stations -- Continued

		Drainage	Ė	H	Location	Ē.		ing		я Su	
Station	Station name	area (square miles)	reriod of record	Sec- tion	Town- ship	Range	Fundi	Sampl frequ	Analysis schedule	Fundi	Remarks
YELLOWSTO	YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASINContinued										
06279050 Shell 06279090 Shell	Shell Creek at Porter Gulch, near Greybull Shell Creek near Greybull	290	1983-	33	53N 52N	92W 93W	WDA	\$83 Q	1	82 82	
#606279500	#806279500 Bighorn River at Kane	15,765	1947-53, 1955-57,	6	55N	M76	WDA	ΣΣ	2.1.0	ĸ	
606280000	@06280000 North Fork Shoshone River near Wapiti	775	1979-	15	52N	104W	ARB S	E () }	\ e -	~	
@ 06281000	@06281000 South Fork Shoshone River above Buffalo	585	1981-	33	52N	103W	AR S	E U (160	æ	
@ 06282000	### ### ##############################	1,538	1947-49,	8	52N	102W	WDA	Σ Σ		24	
06282900 06284400 06284450	6282900 Shoshone River above Dry Creek, near Cody 06284400 Shoshone River near Garland 67284401 Ritter Creek helow sewes lacon	111	1964- 1974- 1983- 1981-	13	53N 55N	101W 98W 99W	WDEQ WDA WDFO	SS3	5,6,7	22 22 22	
606284500	## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ## ##	80.5	1958-60,	7	55N	MZ6	MRB	. A	2,3	. œ	
@ 06284800	@06284800 Whistle Creek near Garland	101	1969- 1959-60,	30	55N	M/6	E E	σ Α (2,3	æ	
@06285100	@06285100 Shoshone River near Lovell	2,350	1969- 1966-	16	26N	м96	E E	۵D (2,3	~	
@ 06285400	@06285400 Sage Creek at Sidon Canal, near Deaver	341	1958-60,	34	S7N	M/6	E E	۵۵ (2,3	~	
06286200 06299980	Shoshone River at Kane Tongue River at Monarch	2,989	1976- 1973-80,	20	56N 57N	95W 84W	WDEQ	ΣΣ	5,6,7 5,6,7	2 E	
06304500	06304500 Little Goose Creek near Sheridan	159	1983- 1979-	27	26N	84W	WDEQ	Σ	5,6	ø	
@ 06305500	@06305500 Goose Creek below Sheridan	392	1959-60,	15	26N	84W	WDA WDEQ	ν Σ	, 1 5,6,7	æ	
06306250 06306300	06306250 Prairie Dog Creek near Acme 06306300 Tongue River at State line, near Decker, Mont.	358	1967- 1983- 1965-	33	58N 9S	83W 40E	WDA WDA WDEQ	SS3 M	9 5,6	m E	
06312500 #@06313000	Powder River near Kaycee South Fork Powder River near Kaycee	980 1,150	1968- 1968-81, 1983-	13	43N 42N	81W 81W	WDA	N O E	у пп	ာ ပပ	
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Table 3. -- Water-quality stations -- Continued

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		Drainage	Popula	1	Location	nc	ey Sy	rency Ling		ec F	
Station number	Station name	(square miles)	of of record	Sec- tion	Town- ship	Range	Funds	Samp	Analysis schedule	Field	Remarks
YELLOWSTO	YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN Continued										
#606313400	#806313400 Salt Creek near Sussex	692	1967-81,	80	42N	M6/	WDEQ	×	-	ပ	
#606313500	#806313500 Powder River at Sussex	3,090	1983- 1949-53, 1977-	13	43N	M6.L	uses	OH.	1,5,7	ပ	
06316400	06316400 Crazy Woman Creek at upper station, near	945	1966-81,	18	52N	77.	WDA	SS3	016	m	
#606317000	#@06317000 Powder River at Arvada	6,050	1946-53,	21	24N	77.	WDA	0	-	m	
06320200	06320200 Clear Creek below Rock Creek, near Buffalo	322	190/- 1975-	30	SIN	81W	WDEQ	×	5,6,7	m	
06320400	06320400 Clear Creek at Ucross	607	1975-81,	19	53N	80M	MDA	883 883	, 0	a	
06323500	06323500 Piney Creek at Ucross	267	1975-80,	18	53N	₩08	WDA	883	6	a	
#06324000	#06324000 Clear Creek near Arvada	1,110	1950-54,	36	57N	77.	MDA	0	0	æ	
#e06324500 #e06324890	#@06324890 Little Powder River below Corral Creek, near Weston	8,088	1976- 1976- 1975-	12	9S 52N	48E 72W	WDEQ USGS USGS	S E QH A	1 1,5,7 8	Ĕω	
CHEYENNE	CHEVENNE RIVER BASIN						}	•)		
#606386000	#@06386000 Lance Creek near Riverview	2,070	1975-	14	39N	62W	USGS	X C	1,5,7	ပ	
06386400 @06394000	06386400 Cheyenne River near Riverview 806394000 Beaver Creek near Newcastle	5,270	1975-	25 18	40N 41N	61W 60W	MDA WDA	SS3	1,60	ပပ	
#606425720	#06425720 Belle Fourche River below Rattlesnake	495	1975-	6	N95	71W	nses	SWF	1,4,5,7,8	m	
#e06425750 #e06425780	#@06425750 Coal Creek, near Finey #@06425780 Belle Pourche River above Dry Creek, near	71.8	1980- 1975-	12 25	46N 47N	71W 71W	USGS	SWF	1,4,5,7,8	6 6	
#e06425900	#e06425900 Caballo Creek at mouth, near Piney	260	1977-	4	47N	70 W	USGS USGS USGS	⊘ ⊢ ∢	1,5,6,7 8 10	m	
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Table 3. -- Water-quality stations -- Continued

		Drainage	Por Local	1	Location	Ę		guil		9: I	
Station	Station name	(square miles)	of	Sec- tion	Town- ship	Range	Funds	Samp	Analysis schedule	Field offi	Remarks
CHEYENNE	RIVER BASINContinued										
#606425950	#806425950 Raven Greek near Moorcroft	9/	1977-	-	48N	M69	USGS	οн	1,5,6,7	Д	
06426400 #@06426500	06426400 Donkey Creek near Moorcroft #@06426500 Belle Fourche River below Moorcroft	1,670	1977- 1975-	30	50N 50N	M89	USGS WDEQ WDEQ	S X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	10 5 5,6,7	ပပ	
06427850	06427850 Belle Fourche River at Devils Tower	;	1967-	7	53N	MS 9	USGS	O. E.	1,8,10	υ	
06428050	06428050 Belle Fourche River below Hulett	;	1981-	9	24N	M59	WDEQ.	X S	5,6,7	ပ	
06428500	06428500 Belle Fourche River at Wyoming-	3,280	1965-	18	N6	1E	WDA	583 0	٠	ပ	
@06429905	@06429905 Sand Creek near Ranch A, near Beulah	267	1982-	5	52N	M09	WDEQ	~	5,6,7	ပ	
PLATTE R.	PLATTE RIVER BASIN										
@06620000	@06620000 North Platte River near Northgate, Colo.	1,431	1965-	11	11N	80M	MDA.	Σ		ပ	
#@06623800	#@06623800 Encampment River above Hog Park Creek, near Encampment	72.7	1967-	10	12N	84M	USGS	7 7	1,5,6,7	ပ	
@06625000	006625000 Encampment River at mouth, near Encampment	265	1965-	m	15N	83W	WDA		0116	υ	
606630000	@06630000 North Platte River above Seminoe	8,134	1960-	13	22N	M98	WDEQ	ΣΣ	5,6,7	ပ	
006634600	Reservoir, near Sinclair @06634600 Little Medicine Bow River near	996	1965-	21	23N	78W	WDEQ	ΣO	5,6,7	υ	
006635000		2,338	1965-	34	24N	81W	WDEQ	~~	10	ပ	
0006899000	Reservoir, near Hanna @06639000 Sweetwater River near Alcova	2,327	1964-	25	29N	87W	WDEQ	900	01.1	ပ	
06639480 #@06642000	06639480 Horse Creek at Highway 220, near Alcova #806642000 North Platte River at Alcova	10,812	1983- 1965-	15	30N 30N	85W 82W	WDA	SS3	10 9 1,5,6,7,8	ပပ	
06642500	06642500 Bates Creek near Freeman	129	1981-	59	30N	M6.	WDA	E 0	1,0,0,1	υ	

Table 3.--Water-quality stations -- Continued

		Drainage	Po 4 2 2	1	Location	ū		ting		ə:	
Station	Station name	(square miles)	of of record	Sec- tion	Town- ship	Range	Fund	Samp peri	Analysis schedule	Field offic	Remarks
PLATTE RIVER	IVER BASINContinued										
#606642650	#e06642650 Stinking Creek above Lawn Creek, near	91.8	1983-	18	29N	80M	BLM	Σ	_	ပ	
06643000 #06643510	06643000 Bates Creek near Alcova #06643510 North Platte River above Poison Spider	393	1970-	-16	31N 32N	82W 81W	WDA	ΣΣ		ပပ	
06644085	North Platte River at Mills Casper Creek at Casper	899	1970- 1970- 1970-	~~;	33N 33N	79W 79W	NOES NOES NOES NOES NOES NOES NOES NOES) E E B	000	ပပ	
06644550	06645000 North Platte River below Casper	12,574	1950-52, 1957-59.	t 4	33N	784	WDA WDA WDA	SS3 W W W	, 60 J	, _U	
606646600	@06646600 Deer Creek below Millar Wasteway,	213	1967- 1967-	4	33N	75W	WDA	. 0	1	ပ	
@06646800 06647990	at Glenrock @06646800 North Platte River near Glenrock 06647990 Box Elder Creek below Interstate 25,	13,538	1960- 1981-	17	33N 33N	74W 74W	WDA	00		s ໌ ນ	
06649500 06650500 06651500 06651500	06649500 La Prele Creek near Orpha 06650500 Wagonhound Creek near La Bonte 06651500 La Bonte Creek near La Bonte 06652000 North Platte River at Orin	14,888	1981- 1981- 1981- 1966-	15 16 17	33N 31N 31N 31N	72w 71w 71w 69w	VDA VDA VDA	000E	ппнп	υυυυ	
@06652800	@06652800 North Platte River below Glendo Reservoir	15,548	1966-	30	29N	ML9	WDEQ WDA	N E E	5,6,7	ပ	
6 06656000	@06656000 North Platte River below Guernsey	16,237	1950-58,	27	27N	м99	WDA	SS4 0	6 11	ပ	
06656500 06660070 0660500	Neservoir 06656500 Nerth Platte River near Guernsey 06660070 Laramie River above Howell 06660500 Laramie River at Two Rivers	1,224	1981- 1980- 1966-	200	26N 16N 17N	65W 73W 74W	WDEQ WDEQ WDA	E E O	5,6,7	o కౌ కౌ	
06661500	06661500 Little Laramie River at Two Rivers	376	1965-	9	17N	74W	V V V	200	У-1 С	Н	
06669050 @06670500 @06674500	06669050 Wheatland Creek below Wheatland 606670500 Laramie River near Fort Laramie 606674500 North Platte River at Wyoming-Nebraska State line	4,495 22,218	1983- 1965- 1965-	1 25 4	24N 26N 23N	M89 M89 M85	WDEQ WDA WDA WDEQ	O E E E E	5,6,7 1 1,5,6		

Also sediment station. @ Also streamflow station.

Table 3. -- Water-quality stations -- Continued

		Drainage	Dog	I	Location	ū		ling		eo F	
Station	Station name	(square miles)	retion of record	Sec- tion	Town- ship	Range	Fund	Samp	Analysis schedule	Fiel offi	Remarks
PLATTE R	RIVER BASINContinued										
06676550	윤	561	1981-	28	20N	61W	WDEQ	Σ	5,6,7	ပ	
06755950	Crow Creek near Cheyenn?	1:	1983- 1983-	36	14N 13N	M99	WDA	SS5 SS5	66	H.B.	
GREEN RI	GREEN RIVER BASIN										
09192600 @09205000 @09209400	Green River near Big Piney New Fork River near Big Piney Green River near La Barge	1,260 1,230 3,910	1967- 1965- 1963-	21 22 33	30N 30N 26N	110W 110W 112W	WDA WDA WDA	00E		888	
@09211200 09213705	Green River below Fontenelle Reservoir Big Sandy River below Big Sandy Reservoir	4,280	1967-	31	24N 26N	111W 106W	MDA A	y × ⊘ (y	ទី ទី ទី	
09213800 09215500 (09215550	Big Sandy Kiver at Farson Little Sandy Creek at Farson Big Sandy River below Farson	:::	1981- 1981- 1981-	1242	25N 25N 24N	106W 107W	WDA	2002	ee	566	
	@09216050 Big Sandy River at Gasson Bridge, near Eden	1,720	1975-	29	23N	108W	WDA WDA	SS3	1010	£	
09216790	Bitter Creek above Killpecker Creek,	;	1983-	56	19N	105W	WDA	883	6	£	
09216810	09216810 Killpecker Creek at Rock Springs	1	1975-80,	56	19N	105W	WDEQ	X X	90	É	
09216880	09216880 Bitter Creek below Little Bitter Creek,	:	1975-	7	18N	105W	WDEQ	S E	. ~	£	
#@09217000	#09217000 Green River near Green River	14,000	1951-	56	18N	107W	USGS	Q V	2,3	É	
09217010 09221650 (09222000)	Green River below Green River Smiths Fork near Lyman Blacks Fork near Lyman	821	1973- 1974- 1962-	36 12 15	18N 16N 17N	107W 114W 113W	USGS WDEQ WDA BRUC BRUC	SS3	2,3 1,4,5,6,7 2,3	88	
09224050	Hams Fork near Diamondville	;	1975-	36	21N	116W	WDEQ	XXX XXX	5,6,7	8	
09224450 Hams	Hams Fork near Granger	670	1965-	30	19N	111W	WDA	S X	1	É	
# Alsos	# Also sediment station. @ Also streamflow station.	-	-	-	•	-	-	-		-	

Table 3.--Water-quality stations--Continued

		Drainage	Po page	1	Location	uc	ing cy	nency Ling		əs p	
Station	Station name	(square miles)	record	Sec- Town tion ship		Range	Fund	qma2 peri	Analysis schedule	Fiel offi	Remarks
GREEN RI	 GREEN RIVER BASINContinued										
€09224700	@09224700 Blacks Fork near Little America	3,100	1951-	15	18N	109W	SSSn	A 2	2,3	£	
09229500	09229500 Henrys Fork near Manila, Utah	520	1951-	23	12N	109W	WDA	E X 3		æ	
09253000 @09257000	09253000 Little Snake River near Slater, Colo. @09257000 Little Snake River near Dixon	285 988	1978- 1975-	15	12N 12N	8 7v 90v	A A A	IS IS	У Н П (88	
09259050	09259050 Little Snake River below Baggs	:	1981-	7	12N	92W	ADA ADA	883 883	y 11 0 1	8	
BEAR RIVER BASIN	ER BASIN) ADEO	Σ	2,6,7		
@ 10020100	@10020100 Bear River above reservoir, near	752	1968-	29	17N	120W	WDA	Σ;		5	
10035000 €10039500	10035000 WOOSTUIL! Utan 10035000 Smiths Fork near Cokeville @10039500 Bear River at Border	2,490	1983- 1965-	15	24N 14S	119W 46E	WDA	SS3	7,001	55	
							WDEQ USGS USGS USGS	E E E C	5,6,7 1 8		
SNAKE RI	SNAKE RIVER BASIN							,			
#@13018300 #@13019438	22	10.6	1965- 1982-	3,1	40N 39N	116W 114W	S5SU USGS	11	11	88	
@13022500 13023900 13025000 @13027500	bondurant Snake River above reservoir, near Alpine Salt River near Smoot Swift Creek near Afton Salt River above reservoir, near Etna	3,465 27.4 829	1965- 1981- 1981- 1965-	33 28 28	30N 32N 36N	118W 118W 118W 119W	WDA WDA WDA WDA	M M M M M M M M M M M M M M M M M M M	6	8888	

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Table 4.--Sediment Stations

Explanation of abbreviations and codes used in table 4.

Period of record: The dates given are the calendar years in which records began or ended. Periods of no record of less than a year are not shown.

Funding agency:

BLM Bureau of Land Management

BRUM Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Missouri River Basin

MRB Geological Survey, Missouri River Basin Program

USGS Geological Survey, Federal Program

WDEQ Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

Sampling frequency:

BM bimonthly

D daily (observer)

HL high and low flow samples only

HML high, medium and low flow samples only

I infrequent, whenever enough sediment in suspension to do analysis

M every six weeks plus two events.

MS monthly seasonally.

P PS69 sediment pump sampler

Q quarterly

Analysis schedule:

- 1 suspended-sediment concentration.
- 2 particle-size distribution.
- 3 0.062mm sieve analysis.
- 4 bed material particle-size distribution.

Field office:

B Buffalo GR Green River
C Casper ID Idaho
CP Cheyenne Project Personnel R Riverton

Remarks:

USBR SAMPLES furnished by Bureau of Reclamation.

Table 4. -- Sediment stations

		Drainage	Po Page	I	Location	ŭ	, ka	ling Lency	sisy	ec p	
Station	Station name	(square miles)	of of record	Sec- tion	Town- ship	Range	Fund	Samp	schec Analy	Field	Remarks
YELLOWST	YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN										
*@06220500	*@06220500 East Fork Wind River near Dubois	427	1975-	35	N9	M9	Æ S	æ.	,,	~	
06226000	Wyoming Canal near Lenore	:	1975-	17	38	JW.	BRUM	4 ¦	, !	œ	US BR SAMPLES
06227500	06227500 Wyoming Canal below Pilot Diversion,	:	1975-	70	38	1E	BRUM	:	:	~	USBR SAMPLES
*@06253000	*@06253000 Fivemile Creek near Shoshoni	418	1948-75,	19	38	9E	BRUM	Σ	-	~	
*606258000		332	1983-	34	V 4	SE	BRUM	X		~	
*@06259000 @06268500	*@06259000 Wind River below Boysen Reservoir @06268500 Fifteenmile Creek near Worland	7,701 518	1979- 1949-72,	27	5N 47N	93W	WDEQ	ğη:	٠,٠. در	~ ~	
*@06279500	*#06279500 Bighorn River at Kane	15,765	19/9-	6	55N	M76	MA I	ž z i	7,70	~	
06284005	06284005 Willwood Canal near Willwood	:	1969- 1979-	6	24N	100W	BRUM	MS +	7-10	~	
06284010	06284010 Shoshone River below Willwood Dam	1,833	1979-	6	24N	100W	BRUM	- X :	2,1	∝	
*606313000	*#06313000 South Fork Powder River near Kaycee	1,150	1983-	6	42N	81W	BLM	- A H	2,12	ပ	
@06313180 *@06313400	@06313180 Dugout Creek tributary near Midwest *@06313400 Salt Creek near Sussex	8.	1983- 1976-81,	14 8	40N 42N	80W 79W	BLM USGS BLM	불러포	1,2	g o	
*€06313500	*@06313500 Powder River at Sussex	3,090	1982- 1949-53, 1976-	13	NE 7	M6.2	BLM	ığaı	7410	ပ	
*606317000	*#06317000 Powder River at Arvada	6,050	1983-	21	24N	N/ /	BLM	Ħон	4 1 2	m	
*06324000	*06324000 Clear Creek near Arvada	1,110	1950-53, 1975-	36	57N	774	BLM USGS USGS	보아	4 110	m	
*@06324890	*@06324890 Little Powder River below Corral Creek, near Weston	504	1977-	12	52N	7.2W	USGS USGS USGS	E THE	4 11 04	m	
* Also w	Also water-quality station.					_		_	_	-	

* Also water-quality station.

Also streamflow station.

Table 4. -- Sediment stations -- Continued

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Station	Station name	area (square miles)	Period of record	Sec- tion	Town- ship	Range	Fundir	Sampli freque	ecpeqr scpeqr	Field	Remarks
CHEYENNE	RIVER BASIN										
*606386000	#@06386000 Lance Creek near Riverview	2,070	-9261	14	39N	62W	USGS	Σ ⊢	7	ပ	
*@06425720	*e06425720 Belle Fourche River below Rattlesnake	495	1975-	6	N95	71W	nses nses	P E	14	æ	
*@06425750	Creek, near Piney *#06425750 Coal Creek near Piney	71.8	1980-	12	46N	71W	SSS	F 4	4 •	2 0	
*@06425780	*#06425780 Belle Fourche River above Dry Creek,	594	1975-	25	N/4	71W	nses	F 4	+	m	
*@06425900	*@06425900 Caballo Creek at mouth, near Piney	260	1977-	4	N/ 7	70W	uses uses	EΣ	5 6	2 0	
*@06425950	*#06425950 Raven Creek near Moorcroft	9/	1977-	-	N87	M69	uses uses	H M M	741		
*e06426500	#@06426500 Belle Fourche River below Moorcroft	1,670	1976-	54	50N	M89	USGS USGS	E Σ	4-4	£	
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*@06623800	*#06623800 Encampment River above Hog Park Creek,	72.7	1964-	10	12N	M78	nsgs	0	1,2	ပ	
*e06642000 *e06642650	*e06642000 North Platte River at Alcova *e06642650 Stinking Creek above Lawn Creek,	10,812 91.8	1979- 1983-	17	30N 29N	82W 80W	USGS	E G	1,3	ပပ	
*06643510	*06643510 North Platte River above Poison Spider Creek, near Goose Egg	1	1983-	e	32N	81W	BLM	불교범	4 – 4	ပ	
GREEN RI	GREEN RIVER BASIN						_				
*@09217000	*e09217000 Green River near Green River	14,000	1951-	26	18N	107W	USGS USGS USGS USGS	I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	4321	f	
SNAKE RI	SNAKE RIVER BASIN										
*@13018300 *@13019438	*@13018300 Cache Creek near Jackson *@13019438 Little Granite Creek at mouth, near Bondurant	10.6	1968- 1982-	34	40N 39N	116W 114W	usgs usgs	11	::	88	
* Also W.	 * Also water-quality station.	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	-	

* Also water-quality station. @ Also streamflow station.

Table 5.--Ground-Water Observation Wells

Explanation of abbreviations and codes used in table 5.

Well number: The well-numbering procedure used is based on the U.S. Land Grant System. The first segment of the number is the township (north); the second number segment is the range (west); the third number segment is the section, which is followed by a first letter designating the quarter section, a second letter, if shown, designating the quarter-quarter section, etc., (A-NE½, B-NW½, C-SW½, D-SE½). Well 30-108-05BCD2, for example, is in the SE½ of the SW½ of the NW½ of sec. 5, T. 30 N., R. 108 W. The number 2 indicates it is the second well in the quarter-quarter-quarter section. Wells shown in Fremont County have an additional uppercase letter that begins the number. This letter designates the quadrant of the Wind River Meridian and Base Line System. The quadrants are lettered A, B, C, and D in a counter-clockwise direction beginning with A in the northeast quadrant.

Lat-long-seq no.: The first six digits are the latitude in degrees, minutes, and seconds. The next seven digits are the longitude in degrees, minutes, and seconds. The last two digits indicate the sequence number of when the well was inventoried in the event more than one well has the same latitude and longitude.

Geologic unit:

111 ALVM	Alluvium	211 ALMD	Almond Formation
111 TRRC	Terrace deposits	211 FXHL	Fox Hills Sandstone
121 NRPK	North Park Formation	211 LNCE	Lance Formation
121 OGLL	Ogallala Formation	211 MVRD	Mesaverde Formation
122 ARKR	Arikaree Formation		or Group
123 BRUL	Brule Formation	211 STEL	Steele Shale
123 WRVR	White River Formation	217 LKOT	Lakota Formation
	or Group	221 SNDC	Sundance Formation
124 LNEY	Laney Shale Member of	237 SPRF	Spearfish Formation
	Green River Formation	317 MNKT	Minnekahta Limestone
124 WDRV	Wind River Formation	331 MDSN	Madison Limestone
124 WSTC	Wasatch Formation	337 PHSP	Pahasapa Limestone
125 FRUN	Fort Union Formation	374 FLTD	Flathead Quartzite
			or Sandstone

The seven-character geologic unit code given above consists of two parts. The first three characters are numeric and identify the Era, System, and Series of the rock unit. The next four characters are in alpha numeric code for the name of the rock-stratigraphic unit.

Explanation of abbreviations and codes used in table 5--Continued

Numeric Codes for Geologic Age Identification

	Code		Code
Cenozoic	100	Paleozoiccontinued	
Quaternary	110	Pennsylvanian	320
Holocene	111	Upper	321
Pleistocene	112	Middle	324
Tertiary	120	Lower	327
Pli ocene	121	Mississippian	330
Miocene	122	Upper	331
01i gocene	123	Lower	337
Eocene	124	Devonian	340
Paleocene Paleocene	125	Upper	341
Mesozoic	200	Middle	344
Cretaceous	210	Lower	347
Upper	211	Silurian	350
Lower	217	Upper	351
Jurassic	220	${ t Middle}$	354
Upper	221	Lower	357
Middle	224	Ordovician	360
Lower	227	Upper	361
Triassic	230	Middle	364
Upper	231	Lower	367
Middle	234	Cambrian	370
Lower	237	Upper	371
Paleozoic	300	${\tt Middle}$	374
Permian	310	Lower	377
Upper	311	Precambrian	400
Lower	317		

Explanation of abbreviations and codes used in table 5--Continued

Funding agency:

DEPD Wyoming Department of Economic Planning and Development

USGS Geological Survey, Federal Program

WSE Wyoming State Engineer

Field office:

B Buffalo 0 Observer

C Casper P Project Personnel

CF Cheyenne Field Unit R Riverton

CH Cheyenne Hydrologic S Wyoming State Engineer
Surveillance Section SD South Dakota District

GR Green River UT Utah District

Frequency of observation:

C continuous (graphic or digital recorder)

M monthly (12 visits per year)

Q quarterly (4 visits per year)

SA semiannual (2 visits per year)

Period of record: The dates given are the calendar years in which records began or ended. A record consists of one or more measurements during a calendar year.

Remarks: Recorder 1980- indicates a recorder was installed during the year shown and is continuous to present.

Table 5. -- Ground-water observation wells

Remarks						Recorder 1980- Recorder 1980- Recorder 1980-	0800	Recorder 1980-				Recorder 1981-			Recorder 1981-		
Name of owner		O. L. Schmidl		Durham Meat Company		Robert Helmer Henry Finch Robert Helmer G. A. Berger	2,44,0	Saratoga Land & Caffle Co. Burton Tuttle State of Wyoming Bureau of Land Management Miller Estate		Art Sims	Sallie Edwards Wm Barber	Wm Barber Raymond Baker	D. W. Funk Roy Jarman	Phillips Petroleum Roy Jarman Mrs. Whiting	Roy Baker		State of Wyoming
Period of record		1968, 1970-		1966-		1980- 1967-68, 1970- 1980- 1980-	1977-	1980- 1980- 1950- 1967-68, 1970- 1968, 1970-		1975- 1975- 1975-	1950-56, 1959- 1974-	1980- 1975- 1975-	1975- 1975-	1975- 1975- 1981-	1981-		1969-
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Geo- logic unit	RIVER	211STEL	MISSOURI RIVER BASIN	124WSTC	RIVER BASIN	121NRPK 121NRPK 121NRPK 121NRPK	122ARKR	121NRPK 121NRPK 121NRPK 125FRUN 211MVRD 111ALVM	RIVER	125FRUN 125FRUN 125FRUN	123WRVR 331MDSN	331MDSN 125FRUN	125FRUN 125FRUN	125FRUN 125FRUN 126WSTC	124WSTC	MISSOURI RIVER BASIN	211LNCE
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Table 5.--Ground-water observation wells--Continued

Remarks		Recorder 1981-		Recorder 1974-	Recorder 1966-				Recorder 1973-	Recorder 1980-	Recorder 1980-				Recorder 1978- Recorder 1973-
Name of owner		City of Sillette National Park Service National Park Service National Park Service		State of Wyoming	Teton Studs Corp. H. W. Roland H. W. Roland	Bureau of Reclamation Geological Survey	w		City of La Grange Charles Lyman Frank Sanders	Hugn Stemler State of Wyoming	Flora Vandenei State of Wyoming	erv.	Horse Creek Conserv. Dist. John Meier & Son, Inc. Curtis Meier		John Meier & Son, Inc. John Meier & Son, Inc.
Period of record	3201 8301	1981- 1981- 1955, 1960, 1962- 1962- 1962-		1974-	1951, 1961- 1949, 1965- 1948-	1949- 1966-67, 1970- 1966-67, 1970-	1966-67, 1970- 1965-67, 1970- 1965-67, 1970-	,		1943, 1948-59, 1972- 1980-	1980-	1978- 1978-	1978- 1978- 1970-	1978- 1978- 1978-	1978- 1972-
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Geo- logic unit	RIVER	331MDSN 317MNKT 237SPRF 337PHSP	RIVER BASIN	122ARKR	124wDRV 124wDRV 124wDRV	124WDRV 124WDRV 124WDRV	124wDRV 111ALVM 111ALVM	RIVER	111ALVM 111ALVM 111ALVM	123BRUL	123BRUL 123BRUL	123BRUL 123BRUL	123BKUL 111ALVM 111ALVM	123BRUL 123BRUL 123BRUL	123BRUL 111ALVM
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Table 5. -- Ground-water observation wells -- Continued

Remarks															Recorder 1979-		Recorder 1979-	Recorder 1980-			Recorder 1979- Recorder 1974-
Name of owner		John Meier & Son, Inc. John Meier & Son, Inc.	Curtis Templin Ward Hay & Cattle Company		John Meier & Son, Inc. French Irrigation District	Toplace leading	Bill Ring	Geological Survey M. W. Berry	Geological Survey	Lester Stroud Geological Survey	Geological Survey	Emery Bright Lester Dunten	Joseph Speckner Geological Survey	National Park Service	National Park Service State of Wooming	Gerald Sturman	State of Wyoming State of Wyoming	State of Wyoming	Wm Immesoeta Otto York Ronald Podalak		W. B. Linch Mobil 0il Mobil 0il Helen Rauch
Period of record		1976- 1972- 1976-	1943, 1949-70, 1972- 1972-	1978- 1970-76, 1978-	1978- 1950-	1962-	1962-	1962- 1943, 1948-52, 1954-	1962-	1948-53, 1955- 1962-	1962-	1943, 1948- 1948-	1948-	1948-	1942-43, 1946- 1979-	1949-51, 1970, 1975-	1979-	1980-	19/2- 1972- 1974-		1965- 1974- 1974- 1960-
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Geo- logic unit	RIVER	123BRUL 111ALVM	111TRRC 123BRUL	123BRUL 123BRUL	123BRUL 111ALVM	111ALVM	111TRRC	111ALVM 111TRRC	111ALVM	111ALVM	111ALVM	111ALVM 111ALVM	111ALVM	111ALVM	111ALVM 122ARKR	122ARKR	122AKKK 122ARKR	122ARKR	122ARKR 122ARKR 122ARKR	RIVER BASIN	211LNCE 374FLTD 331MDSN 124WSTC
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Well number	GOSHEN COUNTY	20-061-24CDD 20-061-25CBC02	20-031-23DCC 20-061-27DDA 20-061-31DAD	20-061-34DCC 20-061-35AAB	20-061-35CCC 23-060-10AAC	24-060-28CBD	24-061-11BBB	24-061-23CCB 25-061-28DBC	25-062-02BBB	25-062-19AAB 25-062-27BDC02	25-062-31ADC	25-063-09CCB 26-062-14BBA	26-063-32DAC	26-064-28BBB	26-064-29ADA 28-061-06ABA	29-061-08CDC	29-061-1/AAD 29-061-23ABB	29-061-26CBB01	30-060-04DAA 30-060-29BBC 30-062-33DCA	JOHNSON COUNTY	42-078-14DDB 48-083-05DCC 49-083-27DBA02 51-083-10ACB

Table 5. -- Ground-water observation wells--Continued

Remarks		 Recorder 1977-		Recorder 19/2- Recorder 1972-		Recorder 1972-	_	Recorder 1975-	Recorder 1977-			Recorder 19/2- Recorder 1972-				Recorder 1975- Recorder 1982-		a)						
Name of owner		State of Wyoming	State of Wyoming	Geological Survey	City of Cheyenne	C. C. Gross	Laramie Co. Well #2	Sheril Brown	1124			City of Cheyenne	Well	Laramie Co. Well #7	Laramie Co. Well #5	State of Wyoming State of Wyoming		National Park Service		Doyle Knouse	Thornock Bros. Doyle Knouse Herman Teichert	-	-	Bureau of Reclamation Geological Survey Town of Edgerton
Period of record		1977-	1975-	19/3-	1942-50, 1969-	1957-	1977-	1975-	1977-	1977-	1977-	1956-	1977-	1977-	1977-	1975- 1982-		1966-70, 1972-		1959, 1962-	1962- 1955- 1962-			1967- 1950, 1965- 1967- 1965-
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Well number	LARAMIE COUNTY	12-060-07DDD	12-062-13BAA	12-063-15AAAUZ		14-060-05BCB	5	14-061-22DCC			14-066-10ABA	3	4		16-060-07888 16-061-17AAA	17-060-33CBB 17-062-17CCC	LINCOLN COUNTY	24-112-08CBB	LINCOLN COUNTY		23-119-32BDA02 23-120-13AAC 24-119-28ACA		NATRONA COUNTY	30-085-21BAB 33-080-04ABB 35-080-31DDD01 40-078-15AAB

Table 5.-- Ground-water observation wells -- Continued

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WATER-RESOURCES PROJECTS

The numerous water-resources projects being conducted in Wyoming are described on the following pages. The descriptions reflect project status as of October 1982. The project number is given following each title.

The funding agencies during the fiscal year 1983 are shown for each project. The section "Progress and Significant Results" covers the period for fiscal year 1982. The area of each study, unless noted as statewide, is shown as either a shaded area or a large black dot on the index map near the title of each project.

Water-Resources Projects Conducted by the Wyoming District

PROJECT TITLE: Surface-water stations (WY 00-001).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming State Engineer, Wyoming Department of Economic Planning and Development, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Wyoming Water Development Commission, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, City of Buffalo, Corps of Engineers, National Park Service, and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Ernest S. Denison.

FIELD LOCATION: Statewide.

PROBLEM: Surface-water information is needed for purposes of surveillance, planning, design, hazard warning, operation, and management in related fields such as water supply, hydroelectric power, flood control, irrigation, bridge and culvert design, wildlife management, pollution abatement, flood-plain management, and water resources development. To provide this information, an appropriate data base is necessary.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to: (1) Collect surface-water data sufficient to satisfy needs for current-purpose uses such as (a) assessment of water resources, (b) operation of reservoirs or industries, (c) forecasting of stage or discharge, (d) pollution controls and disposal of wastes, (e) discharge data to accompany water-quality measurements, (f) compact and legal requirements, and (g) research or special studies; and (2) collect data necessary for analytical studies to define for any location the statistical properties of, and trends in, the occurrence of water in streams, lakes, and estuaries for use in planning and design.

APPROACH: Standard methods of data collection will be used as described in the series, "Techniques of water resources investigations of the United States Geological Survey," and partial-record gaging will be used where it serves the required purpose instead of complete-record gaging.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Hydrologic data collection was performed on schedule. Computation of the 1981 water-year records was completed. During the year, 16 gaging stations were installed and 31 were discontinued. Cooperation on 12 of the new stations is with a new agency, the Wyoming Water Development Commission. The contract for collection and processing of data for 13 gaging stations was cancelled, effective September 30, 1981; six of the stations were discontinued and seven were continued under the Coal Hydrology Program. The Worland Subdistrict Office was officially closed on September 4, 1982, and all field responsibilities were transferred to the Riverton field office. Numerous requests for tables of daily flows and statistical summaries of flow data were received and filled.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: Limited Federal funding will result in the discontinuation of five gaging stations at the beginning of the year. If funds are obtained from other agencies, four of these stations will be reactivated.

REPORTS PUBLISHED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983:

- Glass, W. R., Circulation system for winter operation of gage wells: Water Resources Division Bulletin, Sept. 1982 April 1983, p. 51-53.
- Green, S. L., 1983, Water-resources investigations of the U.S. Geological Survey in Wyoming, fiscal years 1981 and 1982: U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 83-254, 122 p.
- U.S. Geological Survey, 1983, Water-resources data for Wyoming, water year 1981, Volume 1, Missouri River Basin: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Data Report WY-81-1, 575 p.
- U.S. Geological Survey, 1983, Water-resources data for Wyoming, water year 1981, Volume 2, Green River, Bear River, and Snake River Basins: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Data Report WY-81-2, 219 p.

PROJECT TITLE: Ground-water stations (WY 00-002).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming State Engineer, Wyoming Department of Economic Planning and Development, and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Jess O. Ragsdale.

FIELD LOCATION: Statewide.

- PROBLEM: (1) Long-term water-level records are needed to evaluate the effects of climatic variations on the recharge to and discharge from the ground-water systems to provide a data base from which to (a) measure the effects of development, (b) to assist in the prediction of future supplies, and (c) to provide data for management of the resource. (2) Short-term water-level records are also needed for (a) assessment of ground-water resources, (b) areal investigations, and (c) water-use investigations.
- OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to: (1) Collect water-level data sufficient to provide a minimum long-term data base so that the general response of the hydrologic system to climatic variations and induced stresses is known and potential problems can be defined early enough to allow planning and management; and (2) to provide a data base against which short-term records acquired in areal studies can be analyzed. This analysis must provide: (a) An assessment of the ground-water resource, (b) allow prediction of future conditions, (c) detect and define pollution and supply problems, and (d) provide the data base necessary for ground-water management.
- APPROACH: The most advantageous locations for long-term observations will be determined and this network will be refined as records become available and detailed areal studies of the ground-water system more closely define the aquifers, their properties, and the stresses to which they are subjected.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: About 1,000 water-level measurements were made from a total of 197 wells, of which 69 have continuous recorders. About 133 observation wells, hand-measured monthly in Laramie County, were discontinued in December 1981. A report, "Ground-water levels in Wyoming, 1971 through part of 1980," was completed and published as Open-File Report 82-859.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: Collection and processing of water-level information at sites and frequencies similar to those in 1982 will be continued. A computer program for plotting hydrographs directly from Ground Water Site Inventory (GWSI) and daily values files will be developed. Historical data will be entered into GWSI. A report containing hydrographs for selected wells will be prepared.

REPORTS PUBLISHED DURING FISCAL YEARS 1982 AND 1983:

- Ragsdale, Jess O., 1982, Ground-water levels in Wyoming, 1971 through part of 1980: U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 82-859, 200 p.
- U.S. Geological Survey, 1983, Water-resources data for Wyoming, water year 1981, Volume 1, Missouri River Basin: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Data Report WY-81-1, 575 p.
- U.S. Geological Survey, 1983, Water-resources data for Wyoming, water year 1981, Volume 2, Green River, Bear River, and Snake River Basins: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Data Report WY-81-2, 219 p.

PROJECT TITLE: Water-quality stations (WY 00-003).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming Department of Agriculture, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Energy, and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Samuel J. Rucker, IV.

FIELD LOCATION: Statewide.

PROBLEM: Water-resource planning and water-quality assessment require a nationwide base level of relatively standardized information. For intelligent planning and realistic assessment of the water resource, the chemical and physical quality of the rivers and streams must be defined and monitored.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to provide a national bank of water-quality data for broad Federal planning and action programs and to provide data for State and Federal management of interstate waters.

APPROACH: A network of water-quality stations will be operated to provide data on average chemical concentrations, loads, and trends as required by planning and management agencies.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: The water-quality network decreased from 190 stations in fiscal year 1981 to 125 stations in fiscal year 1982. Decreases were mainly in the Bureau of Land Management energy program and the Geological Survey Coal Hydrology program. Contractor operation of energy-related stations ceased on September 30, 1981. Programs for State and other Federal agencies were unchanged or had minor changes, although sampling frequencies were decreased in some cases due to funding decreases. A compilation of data regarding streams with high alkalinity was done for the Environmental Protection Agency. Special sampling activities were done in cooperation with the Department of Energy at the Hoe Creek coal-gasification site and the White Mountain in-situ oil-shale retorting site. All water-quality data for the 1981 annual data report series was compiled and prepared for publication.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: Operation of the network will be continued, with the following changes: (1) Three stations will be discontinued; (2) specific-conductance monitors will be installed at two stations; (3) the Environmental Protection Agency energy program will be discontinued (mostly trace metals, nutrients and coliform at stations for which salinity sampling is sponsored by other agencies); and (4) manpower permitting, there may be re-establishment of a limited program in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management. Sampling for herbicides, previously done in project WY 77-043, will be done in this project starting in fiscal year 1983.

REPORTS PUBLISHED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983:

- U.S. Geological Survey, 1983, Water-resources data for Wyoming, water year 1981, Volume 1, Missouri River Basin: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Data Report WY-81-1, 575 p.
- U.S. Geological Survey, 1983, Water-resources data for Wyoming, water year 1981, Volume 2, Green River, Bear River, and Snake River Basins: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Data Report WY-81-2, 219 p.

REPORT COMPLETED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983:

Rucker, S. J., IV, and DeLong, L. L., 1983, Evaluation of selected surfacewater-quality stations in Wyoming: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 82-4003 (in press).

PROJECT TITLE: Sediment stations (WY 00-004).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Ernest S. Denison

FIELD LOCATION: Statewide.

- PROBLEM: Water-resource planning and water-quality assessment require a nationwide base level of relatively standardized information. Sediment concentrations and discharges in rivers and streams must be defined and monitored.
- OBJECTIVE: The major objectives are to: (1) Provide a national bank of sediment data for use in broad Federal and State planning and action programs, (2) provide data for Federal and State management of interstate waters, and (3) provide data for interpretation in areal studies.
- APPROACH: A network of sediment stations will be established and operated to provide data on areal and temporal averages and trends of sediment concentration, sediment discharges, and particle size distribution of sediment being transported by rivers and streams.
- PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Sediment data collection and processing continued on schedule at four stations with pumping samplers, one station with a daily observer, and 47 stations where the sampling frequency ranged from weekly to quarterly. The sediment laboratory in Worland officially closed on September 4, 1982. Prior to its closure, the Worland laboratory analyzed sediment samples for the Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and Alaska Districts.
- PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: Fieldwork will continue during fiscal year 1983 on a reduced scale. The network will be reduced from 52 to 32 stations. Four of these remaining stations will have automatic pumping samplers, one will be sampled daily by an observer, and 27 will be sampled at frequencies ranging from weekly during the irrigation season to quarterly.

REPORTS PUBLISHED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983:

- U.S. Geological Survey, 1983, Water-resources data for Wyoming, water year 1981, Volume 1, Missouri River Basin: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Data Report WY-81-1, 575 p.
- U.S. Geological Survey, 1983, Water-resources data for Wyoming, water year 1981, Volume 2, Green River, Bear River, and Snake River Basins: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Data Report WY-81-2, 219 p.

PROJECT TITLE: Flood investigations in Wyoming (WY 59-010).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming Highway Department and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Stanley A. Druse.

FIELD LOCATION: Statewide.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: July 1958 to September 1984.

PROBLEM: The optimal design of highway drainage structures requires a know-ledge of the magnitude and frequency of peak discharges expected at a given site. This knowledge may be derived either from data collected at the desired location or from regional analysis of peak-flow characteristics. The paucity of peak-flow data for small drainage basins in Wyoming, particularly for ephemeral streams, restricts the use of the regionalization techniques presently available. A network of peak-flow partial-record sites is needed to supplement the existing network of continuous-record streamflow stations.

OBJECTIVE: The main objective is to obtain sufficient basic hydrologic data to define the magnitude and frequency of floods on a regional basis for the entire state and to publish the interpretative analyses in easily usable form. On request from the cooperator, flood-flow characteristics of streams at specific sites will be determined by studying such factors as: History of past floods; distribution of flow across the flood-plain and main channel; and mean velocities in the main channel and overflow areas.

APPROACH: Available flood data will be analyzed, and sites for crest-stage gages will be selected where they will best supplement the existing network of continuous-record stream-gaging stations. Stage-discharge relations will be defined for each crest-stage site by recording water stage and by making current-meter measurements, indirect measurements of peak flow, or by using the "step-backwater method." Basin characteristics that are pertinent in flood-frequency analysis will be determined. Frequency characteristics will be related to basin characteristics by regression analysis. Peak-flow measurements will be made at miscellaneous sites where unusual floods occur.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR 1982: An evaluation of the crest-stage gage network resulted in a reduction from 98 active sites to 34 active sites. Two indirect measurements were made at crest-stage gage sites. At one site the 1982 peak flow was more than twice the magnitude of the previous highest peak. A supplementary study was started; about 35 gage sites have been field-checked in an attempt to relate old floods with time, or to extend recorded flood peaks back in time, by considering flood-plain deposition, terrace formation, shrub growth and flood-debris decay. This phase of the study (paleohydrology) has not produced conclusive results to date, but has added a considerable amount of valuable geomorphological data and historical information (within the last 100 years) to the station files.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: Operation of the crest-stage gage network will be continued but the number of gage sites will be reduced further. A minimum figure has not yet been determined. The study of historical floods will be completed. A major effort will be made to assemble all information, analyses, and results of the project over its 25-year span and begin preparation of a comprehensive final report. The report will be completed and the project ended in fiscal year 1984, according to present plans.

REPORTS PUBLISHED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983:

- U.S. Geological Survey, 1983, Water-resources data for Wyoming, water year 1981, Volume 1, Missouri River Basin: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Data Report WY-81-1, 575 p.
- U.S. Geological Survey, 1983, Water-resources data for Wyoming, water year 1981, Volume 2, Green River, Bear River, and Snake River Basins: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Data Report WY-81-2, 219 p.

PROJECT TITLE: Water resources of Weston County, Wyoming (WY 74-026).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming State Engineer and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Marlin E. Lowry.

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: March 1974 to June 1976 (complete except report).

STATUS: Colleague review of the final report has been completed. The State Engineer also reviewed the report which is being prepared for approval.

PROJECT TITLE: Monitoring wastewater effluent in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming (WY 74-027).

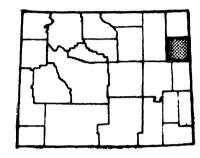
FUNDING AGENCY: National Park Service.

PROJECT LEADER: Edward R. Cox.

FIELD LOCATION: Northwestern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: June 1974 to September 1982 (complete except report).

PROBLEM: The National Park Service is constructing new or rehabilitating existing evaporation-percolation ponds at several sewage wastewater treatment and disposal sites in Yellowstone National Park. The sites are near streams or lakes. The National Park Service needs to determine the effects of the wastewater effluent on nearby lakes and streams. In order to do this, they need to know the amount and direction of movement of the effluents that percolate from the ponds.



OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to determine: (1) The position of the water table and its relation to the ponds and nearby surface-water bodies; (2) the slope of the water table and thus the direction of movement of the effluent; (3) the time-of-travel of effluent from pond to surface-water body; (4) the vertical zone of movement of the effluent; and (5) the baseline water quality in the shallow aquifers in the vicinity of the percolation ponds and in the surface-water bodies.

APPROACH: Forty-six wells were installed in unconsolidated material near the sewage ponds. Several wells have been destroyed, including four that were in the area of a new lagoon constructed in 1976. Tracer tests using Rhodomine WT dye were made in a few selected wells. Water samples are collected from the wells and analyzed for chemical quality of the water. Water levels in the wells are measured periodically. A program of monitoring water quality has been established following preliminary data collection depending on funds available for the project.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Treated wastewater effluents percolating from evaporation-percolation lagoons at Fishing Bridge, Old Faithful, and Madison Junction have had no discernible effects on the quality of water in nearby streams and lakes.

Ground-water mounds build up under the lagoons as percolation of effluents occurs. The percolating effluents mix with ground water and form plumes of water that contain chemical constituents from the effluents. These plumes move down the hydraulic gradient toward ground-water-discharge areas. Conservative constituents such as chloride, sulfate, and nitrate increased above background levels in water in wells near and down gradient from the lagoons; whereas, those constituents in water in wells farther from the lagoons were only slightly above background levels.

Conservative constituents in water have not increased in a reach of the Yellowstone River defined by sampling sites upstream and downstream from the Fishing Bridge lagoons, nor have they increased in a reach of the Madison River defined by sampling sites upstream and downstream from the Madison Junction lagoons. Conservative constituents do increase in a reach of Iron Spring Creek defined by sampling sites upstream and downstream from the Old Faithful lagoons; however, most, if not all, of the increase is due to highly mineralized thermal water discharging in the reach. Conservative constituents from the Grant Village effluent have not been noted in water in nearby Yellowstone Lake.

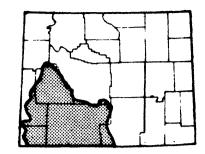
PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: The final report will be completed.

PROJECT TITLE: Water and its relation to economic development in the Green River and Great Divide basins in Wyoming (WY 75-030).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Hugh W. Lowham.

FIELD LOCATION: Southwestern Wyoming.



PERIOD OF PROJECT: November 1974 to September 1980 (complete except report).

STATUS: Seven reports were in progress at the start of the fiscal year 1982. Three were published during the year: (1) Hydrology of Salt Wells Creek; (2) Streamflow and channels, Green River Basin; and (3) Sediment runoff, Big Sandy River. The report on water quality of springs and streams was approved by the Director. The report on ground-water data was reviewed and edited for publication in fiscal year 1983. The report on sediment-streamflow relationships was revised for additional review. The report on a biological survey of streams was dropped with permission of the Regional Hydrologist.

REPORTS PUBLISHED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1982:

- Kircher, J. E., 1982, Sediment transport and source areas of sediment and runoff, Big Sandy River basin, Wyoming: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 81-72, 51 p.
- Lowham, H. W., 1982, Streamflows and channels of the Green River basin, Wyoming: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 81-71, 73 p.
- Lowham, H. W., DeLong, L. L., Collier, K. R., and Zimmerman, E. A., 1982, Hydrology of Salt Wells Creek--A plains stream in southwestern Wyoming: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 81-62, 52 p.

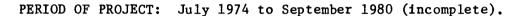
REPORT COMPLETED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983:

DeLong, L. L., 1983, Water quality of streams and springs, Green River Basin--Wyoming: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 82-4008 (in press). PROJECT TITLE: Impacts of economic development and water use on water resources in the Hanna Basin in Wyoming (WY 75-031).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Pamela B. Daddow.

FIELD LOCATION: South-central Wyoming.



STATUS: Water levels in the area around the coal surface mines have declined in some wells, risen in some, and have not changed in others. Ground-water level measurements in 65 wells in the Hanna and Ferris formations of the Hanna Basin, Wyo., have been prepared for entering into the Ground Water Site Inventory (GWSI) National Water Storage and Retrieval System (WATSTORE) computer file. Tables of well records and of ground-water-level data will be retrieved for the report from GWSI, selected hydrographs will be retrieved and plotted from GWSI, and the brief text will be written and the report published in 1983.

PROJECT TITLE: Water resources of the Powder River structural basin in Wyoming in relation to energy development (WY 75-032).

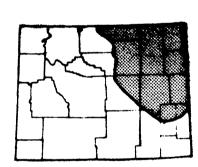
FUNDING AGENCIES: Department of Energy and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Marlin E. Lowry.

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: November 1974 to September 1980 (complete except reports).

STATUS: Nine reports were in process at the beginning of the year. Two reports were published: (1) Empirical techniques to determine infiltration and runoff; and (2) Ground-water data for alluvial aquifers. The report on time of travel of solutes in the North Platte River was submitted for approval. Two other reports were submitted, but were returned for technical revisions, which were made. Another report had colleague review, and was prepared for the approval process. Two reports received evaluation by a detailee, prior to further processing. The report on storage analysis for ephemeral streams was dropped with approval of the Regional Hydrologist.



REPORTS PUBLISHED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1982:

- Rankl, J. G., 1982, An empirical method for determining average soil infiltration rates and runoff, Powder River structural basin, Wyoming: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 81-76, 38 p.
- Wells, D. K., 1982, Ground-water data from selected wells in alluvial aquifers, Powder River basin, northeastern Wyoming: U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 82-856, 35 p.

REPORTS COMPLETED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983:

- Armentrout, G. W., Jr., and Larson, L. R., 1983, Time of travel and dispersion of solutes in a 36.4-mile reach of the North Platte River downstream from Casper, Wyoming: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 82-4103 (in press).
- Glover, K. C., 1983, Storage analyses for ephemeral streams in semiarid regions: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 83-4078 (in press).
- Lowry, M. E., and Rankl, J. G., 1983, Hydrology of the White Tail Butte area, northern Campbell County, Wyoming: U.S. Geological Water-Resources Investigations Report 82-4117 (in press).

PROJECT TITLE: Hydrology of Paleozoic rocks in the Powder River Basin and adjacent areas, northeastern Wyoming (WY 75-033).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: (vacant).

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: November 1974 to September 1980 (complete except reports).

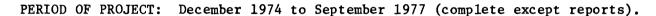
STATUS: Very little progress was made on the four remaining reports. The Apparent water resistivity (Rwa) report received an outside evaluation after review had been completed. In 1983 a decision to publish or not will be made for each of the four remaining reports. Processing will be completed for those judged to be salvageable.

PROJECT TITLE: Evaluation of Paleozoic and alluvial aquifers in the Bighorn Basin, Wyoming (WY 75-034).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming State Engineer and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Maurice E. Cooley.

FIELD LOCATION: North-central Wyoming.



STATUS: Both of the remaining reports were submitted for approval as Water-Resources Investigation reports. The report on the alluvial deposits of Owl Creek was approved and camera-ready copy prepared. The report on the Paleozoic aquifers was returned for technical revisions, which were made.

REPORT PUBLISHED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1982:

Cooley, M. E. and Head, W. J., 1982, Hydrogeologic features of the alluvial deposits in the Owl Creek Valley, Bighorn Basin, Wyoming: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 82-4007, 33 p.

PROJECT TITLE: Effects of herbicide usage on water quality of selected streams in Wyoming (WY 77-043).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming Department of Agriculture and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Samuel J. Rucker, IV.

FIELD LOCATION: Statewide.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: June 1977 to September 1982 (completed Jan. 28, 1983).

PROBLEM: Local weed- and pest-control district personnel will be spraying the banks of selected streams (and islands in larger rivers) throughout Wyoming with Tordon (4-amino-3, 5, 6-trichloropicolinic acid), Banvel (2-methoxy-3, 6-dichlorobenzoic acid), and 2,4-D. The Wyoming Department of Agriculture needs to know whether or not any of these herbicides appear in the water or bed material downstream from the spraying activity. This problem could be compounded by the extremely low flow expected in reaches of some rivers.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to determine the effects of herbicide spraying on water quality and on bed materials in the study reach.

APPROACH: Sets of water and bed-material samples will be collected upstream and downstream from the spray area before, during, and after the herbicide is applied. Application will last for about 8 weeks, during which sample

sets will be collected twice a week immediately downstream. Samples will be analyzed in the Central Laboratory. Results will be examined and the effects on water quality determined.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: The most commonly detected herbicides in the water samples were picloram (36 percent non-zero values; highest concentration 0.71 μ g/h) and 2,4-D (30 percent non-zero values; highest concentration 4.3 μ g/h). These herbicide concentrations are not dangerous or harmful to humans or to the environment, based on available toxicity data and water-quality criteria.

STATUS: The project ended September 30, 1982. Sampling will continue at approximately the same level in fiscal year 1983, but will be a part of project WY 00-003. It is anticipated that some ground water will be monitored in critical areas. The report of results for 1978-81 was approved for publication in 1983.

REPORT COMPLETED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983:

Butler, D. L., 1983, Pesticide data for Wyoming streams: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 83-4127 (in press).

PROJECT TITLE: Digital model of the alluvial aquifer in Bates Hole, central Wyoming (WY 78-047).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming State Engineer and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Kent C. Glover.

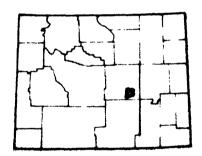
FIELD LOCATION: Central Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: October 1977 to September 1980 (completed Oct. 22, 1982).

STATUS: The final report was reviewed by the cooperator. Revisions were made in statements that may have compromised the State Engineer's ability to administer water rights. The report was approved for publication early in fiscal year 1983.

REPORT PUBLISHED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983:

Glover, K. C., 1983, Digital model of the Bates Creek alluvial aquifer near Casper, Wyoming: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 82-4068, 45 p.



PROJECT TITLE: Digital model of the hydrologic system in the La Grange area, southeastern Wyoming (WY 78-048).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming State Engineer and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: William B. Borchert.

FIELD LOCATION: Southeastern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: October 1977 to September 1981 (completed Feb. 22, 1983).

STATUS: Colleague review of the final report was completed and revisions made. The report was submitted and approved for publication in 1983.

REPORT COMPLETED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983:

Borchert, W. B., 1983, The ground-water system in the La Grange aquifer near La Grange, southeastern Wyoming: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 83-4024 (in press).

PROJECT TITLE: Northern Great Plains regional aquifer-system analysis, Wyoming (WY 78-049).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

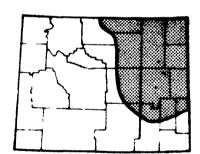
PROJECT LEADER: Dwight T. Hoxie.

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: October 1977 to September 1981 (complete except report).

PROBLEM: Rapid development of energy resources in the Northern Great Plains will put stresses on heretofore little used aquifers for water requirements and waste disposal. Previous studies have concentrated on counties or river and structural basins. There is now a need for a regional study of potential aquifers. More knowledge is needed so water development and management alternatives can be evaluated. To provide this knowledge, the Wyoming District will concentrate on aquifers above the Madison and below the Pierre Shale (Cretaceous). The study area is essentially the same as the regional Madison study. Four districts in the Northern Great Plains will participate with coordination by a Central Region staff.

OBJECTIVE: The overall objectives of the project are to provide a quantitative evaluation of the principal hydrologic systems, the quantity and quality of the water in the principal aquifers, the amounts of water available to wells under existing technology, and the effects of withdrawing the water.



The ultimate objective is to provide water managers with technical means of administering and regulating the development of water resources in the project area with emphasis on ground water.

APPROACH: The areal extent of potential aquifers will be defined from previous studies, existing geohydrologic data will be compiled and evaluated, and a program will be developed to selectively collect additional data. The physical parameters of aquifers will be determined by machine processing of digitized geophysical logs. Recharge and discharge from streamflow records, seepage runs, well pumpage, evapotranspiration, and infiltration estimations will be determined. Digital models of the systems will be developed as a predictive means to evaluate alternatives for development of the aquifers and management of the systems. Water quality will be described and geochemical trends and anomalies defined. A data-collection network will be developed for future monitoring of systems.

STATUS: All data-collection and analyses has been completed. The principal final report on the digital model of the Dakota Sandstone is in review. Review of six secondary reports has been completed: evapotranspiration rates; linear-features maps of Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota, and North Dakota; and fracture-permeability map of the Northern Great Plains. These reports are being prepared for final approval.

REPORT COMPLETED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983:

Lenfest, L. W., Jr., 1983, Evapotranspiration rates at selected sites in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming and Montana: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 82-4105 (in press).

PROJECT TITLE: High Plains regional aquifer-system analysis, Wyoming (WY 78-050).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Charles F. Avery.

FIELD LOCATION: Southeastern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: October 1977 to September 1982 (complete except report).

PROBLEM: The Ogallala Formation and associated rocks are the principal aquifers underlying the High Plains. The economic future of the High Plains and surrounding area is heavily dependent upon the capacity of the aquifer

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to sustain withdrawals. Comprehensive knowledge of the aquifer system is needed so that water-management alternatives can be evaluated and the economic life of the aquifer projected. To provide that knowledge, the Geological Survey will do a 5-year study; eight districts, including Wyoming, will participate, with coordination by Central Region staff.

OBJECTIVE: The overall (Regional) objectives are to: (1) Describe the quantity and quality of the water resource and the operation of the hydrologic system; (2) develop a regional water-resources data storage and retrieval system; (3) develop data-collection networks for future monitoring; (4) develop digital models of the aquifer system; and (5) evaluate ground-water management alternatives using the models. The objectives for Wyoming will be to provide hydrogeologic data for the post-Cretaceous formations in southeastern Wyoming to the Regional project staff in support of the overall objectives.

APPROACH: The areal extent of the aquifer(s) will be defined based on previous studies. Geophysical logs will be examined to help determine aquifer thickness. About 25 test holes will be drilled. Ground-water occurrence and movement, aquifer properties, and recharge will be determined from existing data or from aquifer tests on new wells. Ground-water discharge will be estimated from pumpage and irrigated acreage inventories, and from streamflow measurements. Approximately 50 water samples will be collected and analyzed. Periodic mass water-level measurements will be made. All existing and new data will be compiled and entered into the Regional computer system. Work will be done with the Regional project team to apply Wyoming data to the Regional ground-water model.

STATUS: The two principal final reports received colleague review during 1982, but technical problems remain for one of them. Two linear-features maps have been reviewed and a third map report is inactive. The final reports will be reevaluated and processed for publication in 1983.

REPORT PUBLISHED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983:

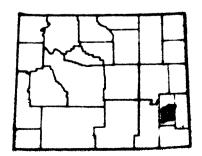
Avery, C. F., 1983, Pumpage data from irrigation wells in eastern Laramie County, Wyoming, and Kimball County, Nebraska: U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 83-29, 23 p.

PROJECT TITLE: Hydrologic conditions in the Wheatland Flats area, Platte County, Wyoming, Part II (WY 79-052).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming State Engineer, Wyoming Department of Economic Planning and Development, and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Marvin A. Crist.

FIELD LOCATION: Southeastern Wyoming.



PERIOD OF PROJECT: April 1979 to March 1982 (completed Mar. 30, 1983).

PROBLEM: Water is diverted from the Laramie River to irrigate approximately 40,000 acres of land in the Wheatland Flats area. Ground water is the source for an additional 2,000 acres. Adequate supplies of surface water are available only in years when stream runoff is above normal. Additional water is provided by wells. The increase in irrigation wells from about 85 in 1960 to about 225 in 1978 has resulted in substantially more pumpage of ground water. Consequently some of the shallow wells are no longer productive. Information is needed to determine the effect of ground-water development upon water levels and streamflow.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to: (1) Determine the extent of present ground-water development for irrigation, industry, and municipal use and describe the effect of this development upon water levels in the separate aquifers; (2) determine the effect of imported surface water upon water levels and the effect of imported water and ground-water development upon stream discharge in the area; and (3) provide a means of predicting the effect of water-management decisions.

APPROACH: Well-inventory, pumpage, and surface-water-use data will be updated. Additional data will be collected to include the adjacent area around Wheatland Flats where irrigation wells have been constructed. An observation-well network will be established and mass water-level measurements will be made in the spring prior to start of irrigation. Seepage runs will be made on all the streams to estimate stream-aquifer relationship. Preparation of a water budget will aid in the development of a digital model of the hydrologic system, which will be tied in with two existing models for adjacent areas.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Net water-level decline over approximately 20 years (1958, 1960 to 1979) is generally less than 3 m, although declines of about 4 m have occurred in the Arikaree Formation at specific locations. Output from a digital model, constructed to simulate hydrologic conditions, indicates ground-water discharge to streams decreased by 10 percent from 1971 to 1978. Stream-discharge measurements are not available to verify the loss. However, it is reasonable to assume, on the basis of hydraulic-head decline in the aquifers, that there has been some loss of ground-water contribution to the streams. The final report was completed; it was approved for publication early in fiscal year 1983.

REPORT PUBLISHED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983:

Crist, M. A., 1983, Hydrologic conditions in the Wheatland Flats area, Platte County, Wyoming: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 83-4047, 36 p.

PROJECT TITLE: Hydrologic reconnaissance of the Powder River Basin Uranium District, Wyoming (WY 80-053).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Pamela B. Daddow.

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: January to September 1980 (complete except report).

STATUS: The final report is still in preparation. The water-quality section of the report will be rewritten, probably by someone other than the authors. Colleague review will be done and the report processed for publication in 1983.

PROJECT TITLE: Precipitation, infiltration, and runoff relations for small basins in Wyoming (WY 80-054).

FUNDING AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

PROJECT LEADER: James G. Rankl.

FIELD LOCATION: Statewide.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: January 1980 to September 1982 (complete except report).

PROBLEM: Federal regulations concerning surface coal mining and reclamation operations specify use of precipitation-frequency criteria for hydraulic design. The problem is to determine runoff volumes from small drainage basins for selected precipitation frequencies. Variability of infiltration rates of soil and other surficial material requires an understanding of the hydrologic processes controlling the relations of precipitation, infiltration, and runoff in small drainage basins.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives of this study are to define infiltration-rate curves for soils and other surficial materials and determine the relations between infiltration rates computed from basin studies and those computed from infiltration tests.

APPROACH: Existing rainfall-runoff data collected at small ephemeral basins will be used with Soil Conservation Service soil maps and descriptions to define infiltration-rate curves. Infiltrometer data will be collected using a hand-portable model developed by McQueen (Geological Survey) and the rainfall simulator of the Geological Survey Public Lands Hydrology Program. These data will be analyzed statistically and compared to basin runoff.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Curves separating rainfall events that produce runoff from those that do not, were defined mathematically on graphs of rainfall intensity versus rainfall duration. The method is more accurate than the previously published empirical method and also provides a physical basis for defining infiltration parameters for use in a rainfall-runoff simulation model.

Split samples were used to test the reliability of optimized infiltration parameters within a basin. The between-basin reliability of the method also was tested by computing runoff from rainfall using optimized infiltration parameters from a nearby basin. A report of results, to be published in 1983, was nearly completed at year's end.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: The final report will be completed and processed for publication in the Water-Resources Investigations Report series.

PROJECT TITLE: Quality of runoff from small basins in plains areas—Wyoming (WY 80-055).

FUNDING AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

PROJECT LEADER: Lewis L. DeLong.

FIELD LOCATION: Southwestern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: January 1980 to September 1981 (complete except report).

STATUS: Data collection and analysis were completed in fiscal year 1981.

Disposition of the final report will be decided and action taken to complete the report.

PROJECT TITLE: Streamflow characteristics of energy-mineral areas in Wyoming (WY 80-056).

FUNDING AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

PROJECT LEADER: Hugh W. Lowham.

FIELD LOCATION: Statewide.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: March 1980 to September 1982 (complete except report).

PROBLEM: Substantial development of mineral resources is occurring in Wyoming. Planning and design related to such developments often require information concerning streamflow characteristics. Gaged data are sparse for the arid and semiarid areas where most of the energy-mineral development is occurring.

Techniques for transferring or estimating streamflow information are therefore required. Existing techniques for estimating flow characteristics are limited mainly to peak flows. More complete information is needed concerning annual and seasonal runoffs.

OBJECTIVE: This study will help solve problems currently being encountered in estimating runoff of arid and semiarid energy-mineral areas. Specific objectives are to: (1) Develop techniques and relations for estimating monthly and annual runoff with greater accuracy than now possible, and (2) refine relations for estimating peak flows for streams in these areas.

APPROACH: Existing techniques for estimating flow characteristics in Wyoming were developed using streamflow data available through 1973. Since then many new gaging stations have been established in the plains areas; those having suitable records will be included in the analysis. Because runoff from plains areas is highly variable, regional-analysis techniques will be developed considering average characteristics for groups of stations, with minimum reliance on individual short-term records. Regression techniques using basin features and channel-geometry measurements will be used in the analysis. Also, relations showing seasonal runoffs derived from an analysis of snowmelt and rainfall contributions will be investigated. The use of streambed-material size to improve channel-geometry relations will be examined.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Regression equations for estimating peak flows and annual runoff of Wyoming streams were refined. Streamflow data available through the 1980 water year were used in the analysis. Peak flows were analyzed for each station using guidelines of Water Resources Council Bulletin 17B. Two different methods were investigated for estimating streamflow at ungaged sites. One method uses basin characteristics; the other uses channel-geometry measurements. For the plains area of the State, the analysis using basin characteristics showed that a nonlinear regression model yielded more accurate equations than a linear model, especially for estimating streamflow from drainage areas of less than 25.9 km².

To improve upon channel-geometry relations developed previously, detailed measurements of the channels and samples of the streambed and bank materials were obtained for 23 gaged sites. Various indices of channel size and composition were added to regressions of width versus peak flows. Regression analysis is being used to evaluate the effects of these variables.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: The estimating equations developed for this project will also be used for project WY 59-010. Some modification may be necessary after historical adjustment is made for about 14 streamflow stations, which will be completed within several months. The final report will then be completed and submitted for review.

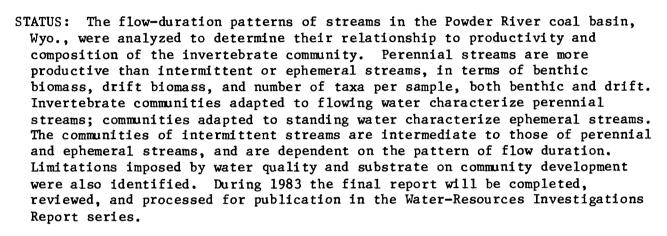
PROJECT TITLE: Biological communities of small streams in Wyoming (WY 80-057).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: David A. Peterson.

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: January 1980 to September 1981 (complete except report).



PROJECT TITLE: Reconnaissance of the water resources of the Saratoga Valley, south-central Wyoming (WY 80-058).

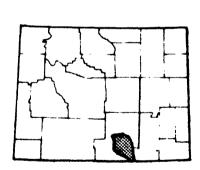
FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming State Engineer, Wyoming Department of Economic Planning and Development, and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Leslie W. Lenfest, Jr.

FIELD LOCATION: South-central Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: March 1980 to June 1982 (complete except report).

PROBLEM: Recent increases in the development of water resources in the Saratoga Valley necessitate a better appraisal of the resources available and of the extent to which development is taking place. This information is needed by the Wyoming State Engineer's Office to carry out its regulatory functions. Definition of the hydrologic system is needed and would include hydraulic properties and head in the aquifer, hydraulic head between aquifers, stream-aquifer relationships, irrigation and precipitation recharge of the aquifer, and the response of the aquifers to pumpage.



OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to: (1) Determine the present status of ground-water development, and the hydrology and hydraulic properties of the aquifers within the study area, based on the collected data; and (2) evaluate the need for additional studies and, if needed, recommend an approach for further investigations.

APPROACH: An inventory will be made of wells from documented information and field reconnaissance. A water-level network will be designed that consists of 20 to 25 wells to be measured monthly. A mass water-level measurement of all wells will be done to establish water levels and to monitor water-level changes in areas of extensive pumpage. An inventory of irrigated acreage will be made using infrared photographs and field reconnaissance. Seepage runs will be made to estimate stream-aquifer relationships. Tests will be done to determine hydraulic properties of aquifers.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Ground-water development for agriculture use has increased substantially in the Saratoga Valley during the 1960's and 1970's and will probably increase in the 1980's. There are at least 30 major irrigation wells capable of producing over 13 dm³/s in the valley; about two-thirds of these have been drilled since 1960, and at least five new well permits have been approved for 1981. Approximately 3.3 hm³ of water in 1980 and 5.2 hm³ in 1981 were pumped from shallow aquifers for irrigation purposes.

Water levels were measured in about 140 wells in the late summer and fall of 1980. Forty-one of these wells were measured in studies prior to 1969. Ground-water levels in 1980 were higher than, or within five feet of, 85 percent of the water levels measured prior to 1969.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: The review of the final report will be completed and the report processed for publication in the Water-Resources Investigations Report series.

PROJECT TITLE: Hydrologic investigation of the in-situ oil-shale retort area near White Mountain, southwestern Wyoming (WY 81-059).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Kent C. Glover.

FIELD LOCATION: Southwestern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: October 1980 to September 1983.

PROBLEM: Comprehensive information is lacking on the hydrologic aspects of in-situ oil-shale retorting. At present, there is also little knowledge of the environmental effects of the retort process on associated aquifers and

streams. This kind of information is needed by State and Federal agencies in planning and supervising the experimental and commercial development of oil-shale resources by retort processes.

OBJECTIVE: Broad objectives are to define the hydrologic regime, and to describe hydrologic changes due to retorting, which will permit evaluation of any environmental impacts. Specific objectives are to: (1) Identify hydrologic characteristics of the aquifers; (2) determine hydrologic relations among aquifers; (3) determine the nature and extent of the surface-water/ground-water relationship; and (4) determine the chemical characteristics of the ground water.

Although the project will be involved with a specific retort site, it is intended to be process oriented; therefore, the results should be highly transferrable to other retort sites.

APPROACH: In the first phase a planning document will be prepared based on existing information, including previous studies of the general area and related studies of other areas. A ground-water flow model will be selected and used as an aid in designing a data-collection program. A solute-transport model also will be selected. In the second phase test drilling will be done and hydrologic, geologic, geophysical, and water-quality data will be collected. The flow and transport models will be calibrated and tested. In the third phase results will be interpreted and the final reports prepared.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Ground-water sampling and analysis has confirmed extensive migration of solute from an in-situ oil-shale retort near Rock Springs, Wyo. Movement of the solute plume in the six years since retorting ceased appears to be restricted to the Tipton member of the Green River Formation. The solute plume, as indicated by thiocyanate (SCN), has not been detected in the underlying Wasatch Formation.

A three-dimensional finite-element model of solute transport has been revised to include a source-sink term for solute transport in the oil-shale strata. Conventional solute-transport equations are used to describe movement within the tuff beds. This description of the solute-transport system also has provided a realistic means for modeling the leaching of solute from spent shale within the retort chamber. The leaching mechanism acts as a boundary condition to the solute-transport problem. The revised model has been applied successfully to simple test problems.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: Ground-water flow and solute-transport models will be calibrated. Variations in water quality will be related to lithologic changes and location of solute plume. Reports of hydrogeologic framework, water quality of oil-shale strata and solute plume, and digital model analysis will be prepared.

REPORT PUBLISHED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1982:

Glover, K. C., Zimmerman, E. A., Larson, L. R., and Wallace, J. C., 1982, A plan for hydrologic investigation of an in-situ oil-shale retorting near Rock Springs, Wyoming: U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 82-758, 27 p.

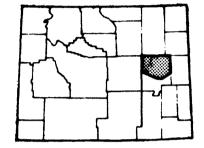
PROJECT TITLE: Ground-water hydrology of the Southern Powder River Uranium District, Wyoming (WY 81-060).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming State Engineer, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Marlin E. Lowry.

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: October 1980 to September 1983.



PROBLEM: Uranium exploration in the southern Powder River Basin has resulted in thousands of test holes, many of which were poorly plugged. This has resulted in flow between formerly isolated aquifers and uncontrolled flow at the surface. Development of uranium has stressed the ground-water system by pumping for supplies and for dewatering mines. There are presently 7 surface mines, 4 underground mines, and 3 in-situ mines; additional mines are planned. Agriculture in the area is highly dependent on ground water. Therefore, the impacts of exploration and development are a concern.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to: (1) Determine the existing hydrologic system, (2) determine the impacts on the ground-water system of the past and present uranium exploration and development, and (3) predict effects that might result from continued or modified uranium development in the future.

APPROACH: The first phase of the project will be to analyze the data obtained from companies and to establish a data-collection network. Data analysis will include testing concepts of how the hydrologic system operates and describing the geologic framework. Consistency with water-quality data will be an additional test of the concepts. The second phase will be to construct a digital model and collect additional required data. After calibration of the model, the effects of mining in the area will be simulated.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Routine water-level and streamflow measurements continued in 1982, but model preparation was emphasized rather than fieldwork to collect ground-water and stratigraphic information. The possibility of water-level declines due to improperly plugged boreholes was investigated.

The data readily available for a three-dimensional model of ground-water flow were assessed. It was concluded that the distribution of permeability, to the extent it can be inferred from available facies maps, is better known than the distribution of head. To facilitate calibration of the model, the three-dimensional flow model was modified so that permeabilities can be changed for a given facies throughout the matrix by a program statement.

Records of over 2,000 wells were obtained and converted to Geological Survey data-base format. Not all of the wells, however, will be useful for describing the distribution of head.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: Because of decreased interest in the area, the work will be terminated and a final report prepared.

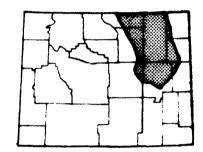
PROJECT TITLE: Potentiometric maps of shallow aquifers in the Powder River Basin, northeastern Wyoming (WY 81-062).

FUNDING AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

PROJECT LEADER: Pamela B. Daddow.

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: March 1981 to September 1983.



PROBLEM: Although knowledge of the ground-water system in the Powder River Basin, Wyo., has improved since the surge of new mining began in 1975, potentiometric maps, which are fundamental to understanding the ground-water system, are not available for any shallow horizon in most of the basin and are only rudimentary elsewhere. Potentiometric maps are needed to: (1) Aid current modeling efforts, (2) learn more about vertical-versus-horizontal movement and regional-versus-local movement of ground-water in the formations, and (3) assess the impacts of surface mining on water levels in shallow aquifers.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to: (1) Improve on the present description of the hydrologic system by mapping potentiometric surfaces in the basin, (2) document impacts of surface mines, and (3) provide more information on the relative importance of vertical-versus-horizontal and regional-versus-local movement of ground-water.

APPROACH: Wells where the producing horizon can be related to a mappable horizon for construction of potentiometric maps will be inventoried. Emphasis will be on the horizon of the Wyodak Coal and deeper units. Data will be analyzed pertinent to effects of long-term pumping on overlying or underlying aquifers. Mass water-level measurements will be made during two field seasons, concentrating in areas where there is large stress on the

system. A water-level change map will be made for the Wyodak Coal on the east side of Campbell County.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Well records and historical water-level measurements for 250 wells in the Wyodak-Anderson coal bed have been compiled and plotted for a potentiometric surface map. The correlation of the Wyodak-Anderson coal bed with the Dietz 1 coal bed expanded the areal coverage of the map into Johnson and Sheridan Counties, Wyoming, and into Montana. Drilling programs have provided data points in areas where no information previously was available. Two drill holes were cased for observation wells in the Anderson coal bed in northwestern Sheridan County in cooperation with the Minerals Management Service. Two drill holes were cased for observation wells in the Anderson coal bed in northeastern Sheridan County in cooperation with Geological Survey, Branch of Coal Resources.

Water levels were measured in about 25 Anderson observation wells, about half of these for the water-level change map in eastern Campbell County.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: A potentiometric map will be constructed for the Wyodak-Anderson coal bed. A water-level change map for the Wyodak-Anderson coal in eastern Campbell County will be drawn. Water levels in some Wyodak-Anderson coal wells will be measured. A preliminary potentiometric map will be constructed for the Lance-Foxhills Formation.

PROJECT TITLE: Analysis and evaluation of side-looking radar imagery for possible use in hydrologic investigations (WY 81-063).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey (Office of Earth Resources Applications).

PROJECT LEADER: Maurice E. Cooley.

FIELD LOCATION: Various locations in the Rocky Mountain area.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: October 1980 to September 1981 (complete except report).

STATUS: All analytical work has been completed. Colleague review was completed for the map report on linear features for the Richfield 1:250,000-scale quadrangle. A decision will be made regarding publication of this report. A report evaluating radar imagery as a tool in hydrologic studies remained in first-draft stage.

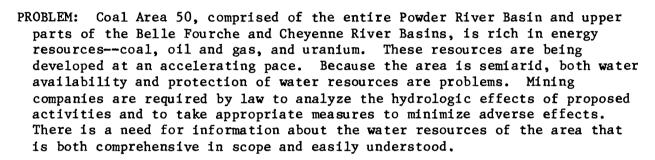
PROJECT TITLE: Hydrology in Area 50, Northern Great Plains Coal Province, Wyoming and Montana (WY 81-064).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: James F. Wilson, Jr.

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern Wyoming.





OBJECTIVE: The objective is to describe the hydrology of Area 50 in a clear and concise manner that can be used by both the coal-mining industry and the regulatory agencies. Although specifically oriented to coal hydrology, the results should also be useful for other kinds of energy development, particularly uranium, and to other interest groups, such as environmental organizations.

APPROACH: A topic outline will be developed, based on the Alabama Coal Area 23 report, but oriented to the hydrology and related problems of Area 50. Topics will be assigned to hydrologists for analysis and writing based on their discipline specialties. For each topic all available information will be assembled and summarized or interpreted as needed. Records and other available information on hand are sufficient; no new data will be collected. Each topic will be discussed in a text not to exceed one page, accompanied by maps, graphs, and tables as needed. Regional hydrology will be emphasized. Sources of more detailed information will be cited.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Area 50 (Powder River Basin and adjacent areas, Wyoming and Montana) has more coal than any other part of the country. Commensurate with that fact, considerable effort was expended during fiscal year 1982 on organizing the report and preparing text and illustrations for the technical subjects. At year's end, rough drafts of most of the STOP units of the report had been completed. Special attention was given to illustrations and to effective use of color to convey information.

REPORT COMPLETED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983:

Lowry, M. E., Wilson, J. F., Jr., and others, 1983, Hydrology of Area 50, Northern Great Plains and Rocky Mountain Coal Provinces, Wyoming and Montana: U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Open-File Report 83-545 (in press).

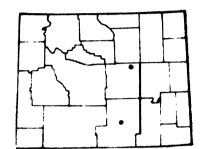
PROJECT TITLE: Sediment yield from natural and reclaimed small ephemeral stream basins in Wyoming (WY 81-066).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: James G. Rankl.

FIELD LOCATION: Central and southern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: April 1981 to September 1984.



PROBLEM: A recurring question in describing the impacts of energy development is what will be the change, if any, in sediment transport. Although sediment data are being collected at a number of stations in the State, none of the stations are on an ephemeral stream of the size that will be impacted by surface mines. Information about potential changes in sediment transport caused by mining is needed for assessing proposed and active mining on or near ephemeral streams.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives are: (1) To relate sediment yield to rainfall and runoff and determine if there is a significant difference that can be attributed to surface mining; (2) to determine the relative importance of channel erosion and slope wash as sediment sources; and (3) if a Geological Survey transport model is approved by the Division in the period of study, the transport model will be added as a subroutine to the rainfall-runoff model of the Central Region research program, and the sediment transport calibrated.

APPROACH: Dugout Creek tributary, located in the Powder River Basin, will be instrumented for the collection of sediment and rainfall data. In 1982 a small basin, constructed from coal-mine spoil, will be selected in the Hanna Basin and instrumented. Rainfall, runoff, and sediment-concentration data will be collected for each basin. Also, data will be collected on channel and upland erosional processes to determine the range of parameter values that can be expected for small natural and reclaimed basins. Provided that a sediment-transport model will be available, the data collected will be used to calibrate and test the model.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Water year 1982 was an unusually wet year, resulting in 20 runoff events, of which 18 were from convective rainstorms and two from snowmelt runoff. The results of a comparison between sediment concentrations of convective-storm runoff and

sediment concentrations of snowmelt runoff provide information on upland erosion and soil detachment by raindrop impact. Preliminary results of surveys of channel profiles, cross sections, and the dimensions of two head-cuts indicate an average volume of $370~\text{m}^3$ of material per year was removed from the headcut. The drainage area above the headcut is $0.26~\text{km}^2$.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: The reclaimed basin near Hanna, Wyo., which is constructed entirely from coal mine spoil, will be instrumented with two recording rain gages, a stage gage, and an automatic sediment sampler. Channel and basin-slope surveys will be made and documented. Two soil plots will be installed. The collection and analysis of data will continue for the Dugout Creek tributary near Midwest, Wyo.

PROJECT TITLE: Low flow of streams in the Powder River structural basin, Wyoming (WY 81-067).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Gerald W. Armentrout, Jr.

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern Wyoming.

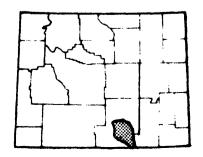
PERIOD OF PROJECT: July 1981 to December 1981 (complete except report).

STATUS: The statistics of low flows were analyzed as an indication of long-term availability of water without the use of artifical storage. The annual low flow of ephemeral streams in the Powder River structural basin is zero; therefore, only low flows of the mountain streams could be described by the usual annual 7-day low-flow characteristic and frequency. A zero-flow characteristic and frequency for describing dry conditions on the prairies were defined. The maximum-annual number of no-flow days is the drought characteristic used. The drought characteristic was distributed areally through correlation with a unit-flow characteristic. The frequency distributions of the maximum-annual, continuous dry period at streamflow gage sites were used to describe the time variation of drought conditions. Colleague review of the final report will be done in fiscal year 1983, and the report will be processed for publication.

PROJECT TITLE: Hydrologic evaluation of the shallow aquifer system in Saratoga Valley, south-central Wyoming (WY 82-068).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming State Engineer and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Marvin A. Crist.



FIELD LOCATION: South-central Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: October 1981 to September 1983.

PROBLEM: Wells in the Saratoga Valley provide water to supplement surface water used for irrigation. About 30 irrigation wells were in use in 1981. Observation wells indicate water levels in parts of the valley declined as much as 13 feet between July 1980 and June 1981. The cause of this decline has not been identified. There is no restriction on the development of large-capacity wells such as irrigation wells. State water administrators need an evaluation of the effect of ground-water development upon water-levels and upon stream discharge.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to: (1) Describe the effect of ground-water development upon water levels and attempt to determine the effect upon stream discharge, and (2) determine if a digital model of the hydrologic system can be used to help understand the possible responses of the stream-aquifer system to changes of stress on the system.

APPROACH: Data collected during project WY 80-058 will provide the base for this study. The water-level monitoring network established by L. W. Lenfest will be continued. A quantitative analysis will be made of the data to determine if additional data is needed to prepare a digital model of the hydrologic system. It may be desirable to make more seepage runs to help define a water budget for the valley.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Data from observation wells indicate that the water-level fluctuations over most of the study area are strongly influenced by irrigation with surface water. The total amount of water diverted from streams is not being measured. Average annual discharge were estimated for 33 drainage basins that provide water to Saratoga Valley. Four test holes were drilled to supplement lithologic information available from wells drilled for water and oil. Contour maps were prepared showing the configuration of the base of the Tertiary formations and the configuration of the water-level surface. Preparation of a water budget for the study area was started.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: The compilation of data will be completed. It will be determined if a digital model can be used to help define surface-water ground-water interconnection. A report that describes the results of the study will be prepared and published in the Water-Resources Investigations Report series.

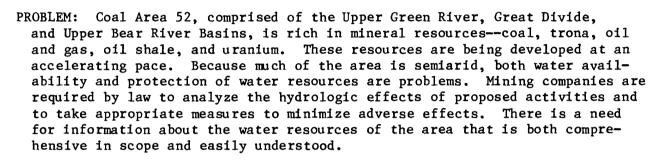
PROJECT TITLE: Hydrology of Area 52, Rocky Mountain Coal Province, Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, and Utah (WY 82-069).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Hugh W. Lowham.

FIELD LOCATION: Southwestern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: April 1982 to September 1983.



OBJECTIVE: The objective is to describe the hydrology of Area 52 in a clear and concise manner that can be used by both the coal-mining industry and the regulatory agencies. Although specifically oriented to coal hydrology, the results should also be useful for other kinds of mineral development, such as trona, oil shale, and oil and gas, and to other interest groups, such as environmental organizations.

APPROACH: A topic outline will be developed, based on other coal area reports but oriented to the hydrology and related problems of Area 52. Topics will be assigned to hydrologists for analysis and writing based on their descipline specialties. For each topic, all available information will be assembled and summarized or interpreted as needed. Records and other available information on hand are sufficient; no new data will be collected. Each topic will be discussed in a text not to exceed one page, accompanied by maps, graphs, and tables as needed. Regional hydrology will be emphasized. Sources of more detailed information will be cited.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: A topic outline was developed using recently published coal hydrology reports as examples. Several interpretive studies and a significant amount of data are available concerning hydrology of the area. This information will aid the preparation of a comprehensive description of the possible effects of coal mining on water resources in the area. Topic sections were assigned to five hydrologists for analysis and writing. Base maps are being prepared; most of the map information will be at a scale of 1:1,500,000.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: The report will be completed, reviewed and submitted for approval.

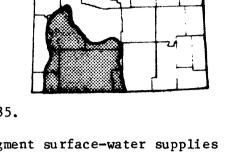
PROJECT TITLE: Upper Colorado River Basin regional aquifer-system analysis, Wyoming (WY 82-070).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Everett A. Zimmerman.

FIELD LOCATION: Southwestern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: October 1981 to September 1985.



PROBLEM: Ground-water supplies are needed to augment surface-water supplies for increasing industrial, municipal, and domestic use consequent to energy-mineral resource development in the greater Green River Basin, Wyo. The regional availability and quality of supply, hydrologic consequences of development and subsequent disposal of waste water need to be investigated. Knowledge of the overall operation of the three-dimensional ground-water flow system and its interaction with the surface-water regime is required to assess the effects of ground-water development and to ensure such development does not impair compliance with compacts affecting the upper Colorado River and its tributaries.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to: (1) Identify aquifer units within the overall hydrogeologic framework, (2) estimate quantitatively aquifer and confining—unit hydraulic properties and parameters, (3) identify structural settings favorable for the development of secondary permeability, (4) infer ground—water flow—system operation and its interaction with the surface—water flow regime, (5) assess regional distribution of ground—water quality and availability of supply, and (6) develop capability of assessing consequences of current and projected ground—water use.

APPROACH: Existing water-well, drill-stem-test, and geophysical data will be used to establish the overall hydrogeologic framework, to estimate aquifer and confining-bed hydraulic properties and parameters, and to infer spatial distribution of ground-water quality. Digital-modeling and parameter-estimation techniques will be employed to the extent feasible to develop and refine a conceptualization of overall ground-water flow-system operation. Current and historical ground-water-use data will be collected.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: The upper Green River Basin, a generally arid basin, is underlain by fluvial and lacustrine aquifers of Tertiary age. Yields from the more than 1,000 ground-water wells tapping these complexly intertonguing aquifers generally are less than 0.6 dm³/s, but local variations of the lithology and thickness exceeding 3,500 m in places make yields in excess of 63 dm³/s attainable. The presence of a remarkable suite of sodium minerals in the lacustrine beds may pose special geochemical problems. Shallow circulation through some of these beds may be an important contributor to vexing salinity problems in the Colorado River.

Planning documents were prepared and a data base was established during the first year of the study. Data from oil tests were obtained; these data will be combined with water-well data for use in preparing hydrologic maps. A computer procedure was developed to facilitate updating the data base with ground-water data from computer-compatible files of State agencies.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: Computer-compatible data from State agencies will be used to update the Ground Water Site Inventory (GWSI) data base. Potentiometric, isopach, and structure contour maps will be prepared and used as a part of a map report. These and other maps will also be used as sources of data input for an attempt to prepare a digital model.

PROJECT TITLE: Chemical quality of surface water in the Powder River, Green River, Great Divide, and Hanna Basins. Wyoming (WY 82-071).

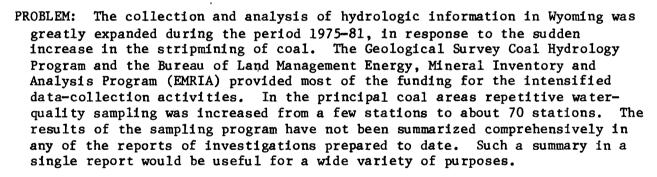
FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: David A. Peterson.

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern, south-central,

and southwestern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: October 1981 to September 1982 (complete except report).



OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to: (1) Summarize statistically the surface-water-quality data collected by the U.S. Geological Survey in the principal coal-producing basins in Wyoming, and (2) evaluate the adequacy of the water-quality data and make recommendations for future water-quality data-collection activities in the coal areas of Wyoming.

APPROACH: Descriptive statistics of constituents at each station sampled on a regular basis will be tabulated. Miscellaneous samples from sites in some areas may be used due to lack of repetitive data. Statistics will include the following for each constituent: sample size, maximum, minimum, median, geometric or arithmetic mean, and standard deviation. Regression relationships will be developed among some or all of the following: major ions, sediment, total dissolved solids, specific conductance, and discharge. The report will also include examples of graphs, descriptions of impacts of energy development for stations where impacts have been identified, and suggestions for future data-collection programs.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Water-quality data for 73 streamflow stations in the Powder River coal basin, the Hanna coal field, and the Green River coal region were summarized statistically. The summary includes descriptive statistics, such as percentiles, and regression relations for each constituent measured at each station. Significant regression equations relating the most common ions and dissolved solids to specific conductance, were developed for most stations.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: Colleague review of the final report will be done and the report processed for publication in the Water-Resources Investigations series.

PROJECT TITLE: Stream-aquifer

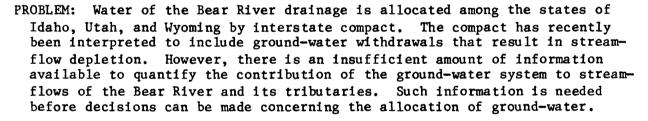
interaction in the Upper Bear River Valley of Wyoming and Utah (WY 82-072).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming State Engineer and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Kent C. Glover.

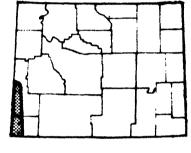
FIELD LOCATION: Southwestern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: January 1982 to September 1983.



OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to: (1) Determine the effect of existing ground-water pumpage on streamflows, (2) determine the total amount of surface and subsurface water in alluvium flowing across the state boundaries, and (3) provide the methodology for evaluating the effect that future ground-water development may have on streamflow.

APPROACH: This study will be made on the Bear River valley upstream from the Idaho-Wyoming border. Work tasks include mapping the potentiometric surface of alluvium, conducting a pumpage inventory, measuring water levels and streamflow diversions periodically, estimating flow from ungaged drainages, conducting seepage runs, estimating evapotranspiration, and conducting surveys of channel geometry. Data will be used to calibrate a digital stream-aquifer model and establish error tolerances for model parameters. The model will be used to evaluate the effects of existing pumpage on streamflow and to predict the effects of additional pumpage during years of low streamflow.



PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Data-collection activities include completion of seepage runs along major streams of the drainage, development of a ground-water-level monitoring network, scheduling of alluvial wells, mapping of lands irrigated by stream diversions and wells, delineation of areas with phreatophytes, and compilation of streamflow, diversion and pumpage records. A major effort has been to provide a geohydrologic framework that can be used in the development of a managementoriented flow model. To this end a time-dependent, lumped-parameter convolution model was developed and successfully tested on a number of hypothetical stream-aquifer problems. The chief advantage of this model is the ease with which water managers can superimpose analytical solutions for stream depletion due to new wells on results of the convolution model. This advantage is maintained by minimizing spatial variations in aquifer parameters, utilizing simplified but reasonable lateral aquifer boundaries, and emphasizing the voluminous streamflow and diversion data instead of the meager ground-waterlevel data.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: The data-collection phase of the study will be completed and a water budget of the study area will be developed. The convolution model will be calibrated to subregions within the study area using various time periods. The calibration will then be tested over the entire study area. The level of effort in 1983 will be reduced, with a full effort in 1984 to complete the project.

PROJECT TITLE: Recharge of shallow aquifers through ephemeral stream channels in Wyoming (WY 82-073).

FUNDING AGENCY: Bureau of Land

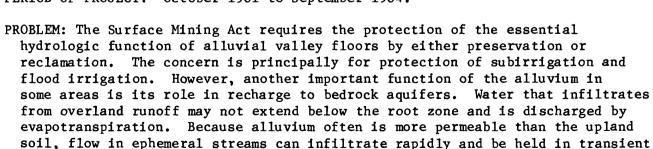
Management.

PROJECT LEADER: Leslie W. Lenfest, Jr.

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern Wyoming.

in coal-producing areas is not known.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: October 1981 to September 1984.



storage for recharge to underlying bedrock. The recharge function of alluvium

OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to: (1) Determine the relationship of water in the alluvium to streamflow, and the relationship of water in the alluvium to water in bedrock aquifers; and (2) evaluate the potential use of streamflow records to determine seepage from ephemeral streams.

APPROACH: A basin with an ephemeral reach will be selected and equipped with stage recorders and supplemental crest-stage gages. Observation wells will be drilled in the alluvial and bedrock aquifers adjacent to the streams. Hydrographs from a finite-difference routing model will be compared with observed hydrographs for possible use in estimating recharge if corresponding changes occur in the wells. Water levels and soil-moisture measurements will be used to determine downward movement from the stream to the saturated zone. A second site with a single gage will be used to verify hydraulic properties of the alluvium.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Two ephemeral stream basins were instrumented to test hypotheses of streamflow loses to shallow and bedrock aquifers. The primary site, North Fork Dry Fork Cheyenne River near Glenrock, is equipped with a pair of stage recorders; the recorders are approximately 4 km apart along the stream reach. Located at each of the surface-water stations are wells with recorders to measure water levels in the shallow (alluvial) and bedrock aquifers in a cross section normal to the stream. The secondary site is located at an existing streamflow station on Black Thunder Creek. Water levels are monitored in the alluvial and bedrock aquifers by recorders, also located normal to the stream.

Surface- and ground-water data have been collected at these sites since April 1982. A survey line was run between the surface-water sites along the North Fork Dry Fork Cheyenne River in anticipation of surveying cross sections along the stream reach for surface-water modeling purposes. One slope-area measurement was made at each of the four sites along the North Fork Dry Fork Cheyenne River to aid in determining a stage-discharge relationship.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: The collection of flood-hydrograph and ground-water level data will continue. A stage-discharge relationship will be established at streamgaging stations on North Fork Dry Fork Cheyenne River using step-backwater technique, and direct and indirect measurement of discharge. A channel-geometry survey will be completed and routing flood hydrographs from upper to lower sites along North Fork Dry Fork Cheyenne River will begin. Recorders on shallow wells will be replaced at primary sites with soil moisture tubes. These tubes will be calibrated when they are installed.

PROJECT TITLE: Ground-water quality in Wyoming (WY 82-074).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: L. Rodney Larson.

FIELD LOCATION: Statewide.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: June 1982 to September 1983.

PROBLEM: The demand for ground-water supplies in Wyoming for municipal, agriculture, and industrial use is increasing rapidly, largely because of the growth in development of energy resources. In order to evaluate the ground-water resource and to provide for its protection, water planners need an adequate information base. Existing ground-water quality information probably is inadequate to meet most of these requirements. A comprehensive statewide compilation and analysis of existing data is needed to provide a minimal basis for planning and to identify deficiencies that can be corrected by acquisition of additional data.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to: (1) Summarize and evaluate the adequacy of ground-water quality data for Wyoming, (2) describe the ground-water quality data areally by aquifers or aquifer groups, and (3) make recommendations for future sampling and analyses.

APPROACH: All available ground-water chemical-quality data for Wyoming will be located and inventoried. Geological Survey data not in the National Water Data Storage and Retrieval System (WATSTORE) will be entered. Water quality of aquifers or aquifer groups will be characterized by statistical summaries of critical constituents. Dissolved-solids concentration will be emphasized; ranges in concentration in wells will be shown on maps. Known or potential hazardous-waste problems in Wyoming will be determined in consultation with other agencies. The adequacy of existing data for assessing ground-water quality will be evaluated and recommendations made for future data aquisition.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Existing reports relevant to the study were identified and reviewed. Ground-water quality in Wyoming varies greatly; aquifers were grouped by rock type to facilitate assessment of water quality. A National Water Data Exchange (NAWDEX) retrieval was made to identify data sources. Oil field data were obtained from the Northern Great Plains RASA project. A Statistical Analysis System (SAS) data set was created from WATSTORE data and stored on tape. More than 5,000 Wyoming sites have data in WATSTORE; additional data are available from Federal, State, and private sources.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: Pertinent Geological Survey data not entered into WATSTORE will be identified and incorporated into WATSTORE. Inventory of non-Geological Survey data will be completed and evaluated. Oil field data will be merged, using SAS, with WATSTORE data. The merged data will be sorted and statistically summarized, using SAS, by rock groups. The final report will be prepared.

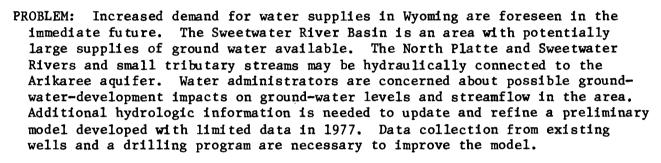
PROJECT TITLE: Preliminary digital model of the Arikaree aquifer in the Sweetwater River Basin, central Wyoming (WY 82-075).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming State Engineer, Wyoming Department of Economic Planning and Development, and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: William B. Borchert.

FIELD LOCATION: Central Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: October 1981 to September 1983.



OBJECTIVE: The objectives during the first year will be to: (1) Collect hydrologic data useful for better definition of the hydrologic system, emphasizing evaluation of the discharge from and recharge to the aquifer, and collection of water-level data; and (2) design a drilling program that, if implemented, would provide data necessary for a management model. The objective during subsequent years, if data are sufficient, will be to provide the means for making water-management decisions by updating and refining the existing flow model.

APPROACH: Surface-water records will be analyzed for low-flow characteristics possibly related with ground water. Gain-and-loss studies will be made of the Sweetwater River and selected tributaries. Recharge from most northward-flowing streams will be estimated. Wells south of the Granite Mountains will be inventoried, water levels measured, an updated water-level contour map made, and an observation well network established. The drilling of observation wells necessary for model update and refinement is contingent upon the availability of supplemental funds from the Wyoming State Engineer for drilling. The feasibility of updating and refining the existing flow model will be determined.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Streamflow measurements of the Sweetwater River in the eastern half of the study area indicated the river was gaining during the fall and early spring. Streamflow measurements of seven small northward-flowing creeks identified gaining and losing sections of perennial reaches.

Seventeen wells were drilled and cased in areas where water-level information was either lacking or questionable. A water-level contour map was prepared using water-level measurements at 105 wells, in order to update a 1977 map that was based on 1964-65 water-level measurements at 36 wells.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: Streamflow measurements of the Sweetwater River will be made in the fall. Observation wells will be measured periodically. Surface-water records of the Sweetwater River will be analyzed using statistical procedures such as flow-duration curves and mean hydrograph comparison. The feasibility of a ground-water flow model incorporating parameter-estimation techniques will be considered and a decision made either to continue or terminate the project. A water-level contour map will be prepared and published.

PROJECT TITLE: Fluvial system in energy-mineral areas of Wyoming (WY 83-076).

FUNDING AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

PROJECT LEADER: Hugh W. Lowham.

FIELD LOCATION: Statewide.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: October 1982 to September 1985.

PROBLEM: Considerable development of energy-mineral resources and an associated disturbance of significant amounts of land surface are occurring in Wyoming. These developments commonly affect stream channels and drainage networks. The result may be an undesirable modification of the stream channel and drainage network, and an increase in sedimentation and erosion. The Bureau of Land Management and other groups need information about the natural functioning of fluvial systems and the responses of the systems to disturbances caused by changes in land use, including mining and reclamation.

OBJECTIVE: The objective is to describe how the fluvial systems function in energy-mineral areas and how these systems can be expected to respond to various activities related to development of the resources. In particular, information will be presented for dealing with: (1) Crossing of streams by pipelines and roads, (2) disturbance of areas by oil-and-gas site locations, (3) disturbance and reclamation of areas that are strip mined, and (4) activities such as channelization and disposition of production waters that may create instability of stream channels.

APPROACH: A literature search will be made of important concepts, and of guidelines and regulations applicable to the design of reclaimed drainages. An investigation will be made of channel response to past developments, and case histories will be documented to highlight the need for planning and design. Methods currently being used by mining companies for design of drainages disturbed by strip mining will be reviewed and evaluated. Mathematical models of landform evaluation will be investigated to determine if they can be applied as an aid to initial contouring of reclaimed landscapes.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: A literature search will be made of information important to the formation and behavior of stream systems. Mining companies involved with strip mining will be contacted and asked for a copy of their reclamation plans. Existing guidelines and regulations used by various agencies in Wyoming for design of developments that disturb streams will be reviewed. An investigation will be started of mathematical models that might be applied to landscape design.

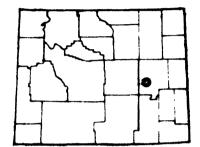
PROJECT TITLE: Hydrology of the Madison Limestone in the Glenrock area, eastcentral Wyoming (WY 83-077).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: David A. Peterson.

FIELD LOCATION: East-central Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: January 1983 to September 1984.



PROBLEM: Water from the Madison Limestone may be used to supplement surface—water supplies for a proposed coal-gasification plant. Several deep wells (6,000 ft) have been drilled in an area near Glenrock where little is known about vertical movement of water in the Madison or about the magnitude of recharge from streams crossing Madison outcrops. The new wells and existing paired streamflow stations provide a rare opportunity to study the local hydrologic system and to test and improve concepts developed previously in the regional study of the Madison. Such knowledge is needed by those considering the use of Madison water for energy-resource development.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to improve the understanding of: (1) Movement of water between the shallow and deep parts of the Madison Limestone.

- (2) vertical velocity of water between the Madison and overlying rock, and
- (3) the relationship of water in the Madison Limestone to streamflow.

APPROACH: Wells and springs in Paleozoic aquifers will be inventoried. Existing water-level and water-quality data will be compiled and evaluated for two Madison wells and the Douglas City spring. Streamflow data will be compiled and evaluated for three pairs of gaging stations upstream and downstream from the Madison outcrop. Water-level data will be collected in a deep well to compare seasonal changes with those of streams and the Douglas spring. Isotope and salinity samples will be collected as possible indicators of water movement within the Madison. Vertical velocities will be measured from temperature profiles in a deep well.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: A water-level recorder will be placed on the Madison deep well after the Borehole Geophysics Unit has run a temperature

log. Wells and springs in Paleozoic aquifers will be inventoried. The water-level and water-quality data for the wells and springs will be compiled and evaluated, as will the streamflow data. Isotope and salinity samples will be collected at locations determined from the data analysis.

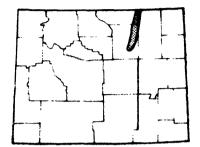
PROJECT TITLE: Hydrologic properties of the alluvial deposits along the Powder River between Sussex, Wyoming and Moorhead, Montana (WY 83-078).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Bureau of Land Management and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Bruce H. Ringen.

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: March 1983 to September 1984.



PROBLEM: The Powder River, a major drainage of the Powder River coal basin, is reported to be a "principal" aquifer; however, there are indications that the alluvium would yield less than 100 gallons per minute of poor-quality water at most places. Wyoming statutes recognize the interconnection between ground water and surface water, which may also limit the development of the aquifer. As energy development continues and additional water sources are considered, there will be a need for an assessment of the potential for development and the effect of development on surface-water supplies.

OBJECTIVE: The objective is to assess the potential for development of water supplies from the alluvium by determing: (a) The availability of the water, (b) the quality of the water, and (c) the relation between water in the alluvium and water in the river and in the shallow bedrock.

APPROACH: Wells in the alluvium and selected bedrock wells will be inventoried and water levels measured. A few new wells will be drilled. The plane dimensions of the alluvial deposits will be measured on topographic maps and the thickness will be measured at selected locations by aquifer tests. One site will be instrumented with continuous water-level recorders to determine the relation between water-surface elevation in the Powder River, the alluvium, and the bedrock. Selected wells will be sampled to determine the quality of water in the alluvium.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: An inventory will be made of existing wells in the alluvium or shallow bedrock in the study area. A pair of new wells will be constructed; one in the alluvium and one in bedrock, and at least one additional alluvial well will be constructed. The three new wells will be equipped with recorders. The dimensions of the alluvial deposits will be determined at one location. Aguifer tests will be made in selected wells.

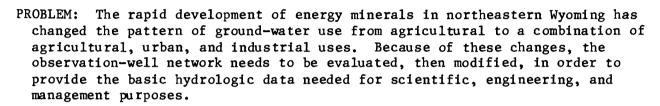
PROJECT TITLE: Evaluation of the ground-water observation-well program for the Powder River Basin and adjacent area, northeastern Wyoming (WY 83-079).

FUNDING AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

PROJECT LEADER: Pamela B. Daddow.

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern Wyoming.

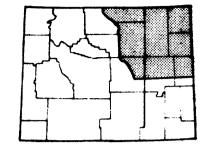
PERIOD OF PROJECT: April 1983 to September 1985.



OBJECTIVE: The objective is to assess the existing observation-well program and recommend changes that will make the program responsive to present and future needs for ground-water water-level data. The procedures developed in this project may be applied to subsequent evaluations of the observation-well program in other parts of the State.

APPROACH: The concept of overlapping networks of observation wells will be applied. Each network of wells will be established to meet a separate hydrologic objective. An inventory of new wells in the area will be made and field-checked. Well records and water-level data for all wells will be tabulated, evaluated, and filed. Each network will be evaluated by checking and determining deficiencies of the network. Changes, including both additions and deletions, will be recommended. Procedures will be established for annual review of the networks.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: Activities in the first year will be confined to preparation for a full level of effort in subsequent years. Well records will be organized into files, water-level data will be entered into Ground Water Site Inventory (GWSI), and forms will be designed for use in the observation-well program and for network evaluation.



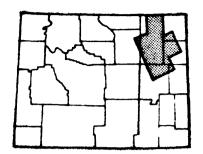
PROJECT TITLE: Evaluation of the individual and cumulative impacts of mine operations on the surface and ground-water hydrology in the eastern Powder River Basin of Wyoming (WY 83-080).

FUNDING AGENCIES: Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality and Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: Richard M. Bloyd.

FIELD LOCATION: Northeastern Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: March 1983 to September 1984.



PROBLEM: Strip mining of coal may disrupt watersheds and may alter the quantity and quality of ground water and surface water. Federal and State regulations require that an assessment be made of the probable commulative impacts of all anticipated mining on the hydrology of the geologic/drainage basin each time there is an application for a permit to mine. The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality needs such an assessment immediately, because several new applications are pending for mines in the eastern Powder River Basin. The study area includes the Belle Fourche and Little Powder Rivers and their tributaries.

OBJECTIVE: The objective is to evaluate the probable individual and cumulative impacts of mine operations on the surface-water and ground-water hydrology of the area. This evaluation will be somewhat cursory because of time constraints; an in-depth evaluation should be done in a follow-on project.

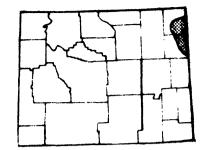
APPROACH: Three tasks will be accomplished: (1) Pertinent information will be assembled from reports, permit documents, and State and Federal data files; (2) impacts, past or present, for each mine, will be identified, tabulated, and displayed on a map; and (3) cumulative impacts of the mines will be assessed separately for surface water and ground water, using mathematical simulation models calibrated to natural or existing conditions. Streamflow will be modeled for three cases: (a) No development, (b) present development, and (c) projected development. A series of ground-water model runs will be made, including worst- and best-case conditions. Water-quality aspects will be evaluated to the extent permitted by existing data.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: All available data will be compiled, including pertinent information from mining-permit documents. A variety of maps will be obtained or compiled, including structural-contour, thickness, and potentiometric-surface maps. Streamflow and ground-water flow models will be prepared and tested. A preliminary assessment (conceptual model) will be made.

Water-Resources Projects Conducted by other Districts

PROJECT TITLE: Quality and availability of ground water in the Black Hills area, South Dakota and Wyoming (SD 81-059).

FUNDING AGENCIES: South Dakota Department of Water and Natural Resources, Black Hills Conservancy Subdistrict, and Geological Survey.



PROJECT LEADER: Kathy D. Peter.

(Rapid City, South Dakota)

FIELD LOCATION: Eastern South Dakota and northeastern Wyoming.

PERIOD CF PROJECT: May 1981 to September 1984.

PROBLEM: Increasing development in the Black Hills area is placing increased demands on the ground-water system. The data and interpretations at the scale necessary to make specific management decisions are not available. There is concern about the effects of unplugged or improperly plugged uranium test holes, concern about the effect proposed withdrawals from the Madison Group will have on streams and aquifers in South Dakota, and concern about the effect of the numerous septic systems on the quality of water in the Minnelusa Formation, the principal aquifer supplying water to the residents in the area.

OBJECTIVE: The objectives are to: (1) Evaluate the quality and quantity of ground-water resources of the sedimentary aquifers in the Black Hills area of South Dakota and eastern Wyoming; (2) document, at a detailed scale, current water quality and head conditions of the sedimentary aquifers and determine recharge; (3) evaluate the effects of septic systems on the Minnelusa and Madison aquifers in the Piedmont Valley area; (4) develop the data base necessary for application of a digital model(s) to predict the effects of potential stress on the ground-water systems; and (5) evaluate the effects of selected ground-water management alternatives on the aquifers.

APPROACH: Streamflow and spring discharge data will be obtained as needed to evaluate net aquifer recharge. Water samples from wells in the Piedmont Valley area will be collected and analyzed. Additional wells will be inventoried and evaluated for prospective water quality and water-level observation networks. The Geological Survey three-dimensional model will be used to predict the effects of stresses on the system and simulate recharge. The feasibility of using a geochemical model to evaluate effects of septic systems in the Piedmont Valley area will be evaluated and if practical, implemented. Reports on quality and availability of ground water will be prepared.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: Radium-226 occurs naturally in ground water in the Black Hills area. To investigate the extent of areas where concentrations of radium-226 exceeds Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards, a total of 29 ground-water samples were collected for analysis in 1982. Ten of the 29 samples are being analyzed for radium-228, the concentration of which may also exceed EPA standards.

The sedimentary aquifers have had relatively little development in most of the Black Hills in South Dakota. As a result, data normally collected from existing wells are not available in many areas. However, observation-well records and the results of well inventories made in 1982 are being evaluated. A digital model of the Black Hills in Wyoming and South Dakota is being prepared to evaluate potential supply based on available information. To verify this large-scale, coarse-grid model, two smaller areas along the northern and eastern flanks of the Hills are also being modeled. These models have a finer grid and include the areas with the most ground-water development.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: Water-level and spring-discharge measurements will be continued. Data collected to date will be added to computer files. Water-quality maps will be updated and interpreted. A map showing the orientation of the secondary permeability of the Madison Limestone, based on mapped cave passages, will be prepared. Digital models will be constructed and calibrated.

PROJECT TITLE: Coal region data and information reports in Colorado (CO 81-157).

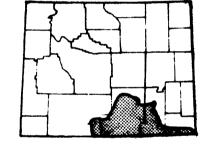
FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: David J. Lystrom.

(Lakewood, Colorado)

FIELD LOCATION: Central and northern Colorado and south-central Wyoming.

PERIOD OF PROJECT: April 1981 to September 1983.



PROBLEM: Development of coal resources are now taking place or being planned throughout the State of Colorado. The planning process requires current information concerning the hydrology, physiography, geology, and climate of coal resource regions. This information at present is dispersed in a variety of reports and unpublished data residing in the files of Water Resources Division (WRD) or other government agencies. Because this information is diversely located and may not be understandable to planners and managers, there is a need to compile available information in a form that will provide a basic description of hydrologic conditions for each coal resource region in Colorado.

OBJECTIVE: The objective of this project is to compile information and publish a report describing basic hyrologic conditions for each major coal region in Colorado. These reports are intended for audiences ranging from the lay reader to the more technically oriented planners and managers. With this audience in mind, the reports are not to be highly technical or interpretive. The basic information presented will primarily provide a background information base describing hydrologic conditions prior to mining. Where

information related to hydrologic impacts of mining are available, a section describing these impacts will be included. For the most part, only existing data will be used.

APPROACH: The report format will consist of a narrative page headed by a short subject title and a brief abstract. The narrative is supported by complimentary illustrations on the adjacent page. A list of subjects, maps, graphs, and photos will be selected based on a preliminary assessment of available data for each coal region report. Because only existing data will be used, flexibility will be given to authors to encourage innovation of subjects and illustrations.

STATUS: Available data describing all phases of hydrology in coal areas 54 and 61 were documented in stop-format reports. No significant new results were found. The reports for areas 54 and 61 will be published and the final drafts for coal areas 59 and 53 will be completed during fiscal year 1983.

Water-Resources Projects Conducted by Central Region Staff

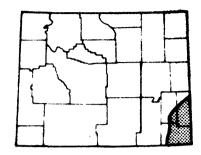
PROJECT TITLE: High Plains regional aquifer-system analysis (CR 78-229).

FUNDING AGENCY: Geological Survey.

PROJECT LEADER: John B. Weeks.

(Lakewood, Colorado)

FIELD LOCATION: Southeastern Wyoming, south-central South Dakota, Nebraska, eastern Colorado, western Kansas, western Oklahoma, western Texas, and eastern New Mexico.



PERIOD OF PROJECT: October 1978 to September 1985.

PROBLEM: The Ogallala Formation is the principal aquifer underlying the High Plains. The aquifer contains about 2 billion acre-ft of water in storage; but, water is being withdrawn for irrigation in excess of the rate of natural replenishment. The economic future of the High Plains in eight states is dependent upon the capacity of the aquifer to sustain withdrawals. A detailed knowledge of the aquifer system is needed so that the system can be simulated, water-management alternatives evaluated, and the economic life of the aquifer projected.

OBJECTIVE: Previous studies of the hydrology of the High Plains have been limited by political boundaries. This study will provide a regional description of the water resources and the operation of the hydrologic system consistent with the natural hydrologic boundaries of the High Plains. Computer models of the aquifer system will be developed and used to project the future response of the system to proposed future withdrawals and provide a basis for the economic evaluation of water-management alternatives.

APPROACH: Existing hydrologic data will be compiled and reviewed. Data-collection networks will be revised or initiated to provide adequate coverage for the study area. The data will be regionalized to provide a detailed description of the aquifer system and stored in a digital computer for processing and retrieval. The computerized data file will provide the data base needed for the development of computer models of the aquifer system. Proposed water-management alternatives and their effects on the aquifer system will be simulated by the models to evaluate the economic life of the system for each alternative.

PROGRESS AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982: The High Plains aquifer underlies 450,000 km² in parts of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming. Over 20 percent of the irrigated land in the United States is in the High Plains, and about 35 percent of the ground water used in the United States is pumped from the High Plains aquifer. In 1978, an estimated 170,000 wells pumped 28,000 km³ of water to irrigate 5.3 million ha.

The High Plains aquifer is a water-table aquifer mainly consisting of hydraulically connected near-surface sand and gravel deposits of Tertiary and Quaternary age. The Tertiary Ogallala Formation, which underlies about 80 percent of the High Plains, is the principal geologic unit in the aquifer. The maximum saturated thickness of the aquifer is about 300 m and averages 60 m. About 4 million hm³ of drainable water is stored in the aquifer. Approximately 66 percent of the water in storage is in Nebraska, and 12 percent in Texas. New Mexico, the State with the smallest water resource in the High Plains, has only 1.5 percent of the volume of water in storage.

Pumpage has caused areally extensive water-level declines in the aquifer. Since irrigation began, water levels have declined more than 3 m in 130,000 km² of the aquifer and more than 15 m in 31,000 km² of the aquifer. Water-level declines of as much as 60 m have occurred in Texas since irrigation pumpage started. The volume of water in storage in the aquifer has decreased 205,000 km³ since ground-water development began. About 70 percent of the depletion has occurred in Texas; about 16 percent of the depletion has occurred in Kansas.

PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1983: The calibration of the ground-water-flow model will be completed. Management scenarios will be developed and scenarios will be simulated to evaluate effects on the aquifer. The reports on the model and use of Lansat imagery to determine irrigated acreage will be completed.

SELECTED REFERENCES ON WATER RESOURCES

General Information

Publications pertaining to water resources in Wyoming are listed below. The list includes all reports published during the last 10 years and selected older reports. Many of these publications are available for inspection at the Geological Survey offices in Cheyenne, Casper, Green River, and Riverton and at large public and university libraries.

U.S. Geological Survey announces all its publications in a monthly report, "New Publications of the Geological Survey." Subscription to this monthly listing is available free upon request to the U.S. Geological Survey, 329 National Center, Reston, VA 22092. All publications are for sale unless specifically stated otherwise; prepayment is required. Prices, which are subject to change, are not included here. Information on price and availability should be obtained from listed sales offices before placing an order. A pamphlet entitled "Geologic and Water-Supply Reports and Maps for Wyoming" is available free upon request to the U.S. Geological Survey, 420 National Center, Reston, VA 22092.

Water-Resources Information. -- A monthly summary of the national water situation is presented in the "Water Resources Review." Water-resources investigations folders are available for each of the 50 States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The Review and the folders are available free upon request to the U.S. Geological Survey, 420 National Center, Reston, VA 22092. The Wyoming folder also is available from the District Office in Cheyenne.

Records of streamflow, ground-water levels, and quality of water were published for many years as Geological Survey water-supply papers as explained below.

Streamflow records.—Records of daily flows of streams prior to 1971 were published in the Water-Supply Paper series "Surface-Water Supply of the United States," which was released in numbered parts as determined by natural drainage basins. Until 1961, this was an annual series; monthly and yearly summaries of these data were compiled in two reports: "Compilation of Records of Surface Waters of the United States through September 1950," and "Compilation of Records of Surface Waters of the United States, October 1950 to September 1960." For the period, 1961-70, 5-year compilations were published. Data for Wyoming are published in Parts 6, 9, 10, and 13.

Ground-water records.--Ground-water levels and artesian pressures in observation wells prior to 1975 were reported by geographic areas in a 5-year Water-Supply Paper series. Data for Wyoming are in "Ground-Water Levels in the United States, Northwestern States."

Quality-of-water records.--Data on quality of surface water prior to 1971 were published annually in the Water-Supply Paper series "Quality of Surface Waters of the United States," which also was released in numbered parts as determined by natural drainage basins. Data for Wyoming are in Parts 6, 9, 10, and 13.

Hydrologic data after 1970.--Beginning with the 1971 water year, the Water-Supply Paper series described above were replaced by a new publication series, "U.S. Geological Survey Water-Data Reports." For Water Years 1971-74 surface-water records and water-quality records were published in separate volumes. Beginning with 1975 this series combines under one cover streamflow data, water-quality data for surface and ground water, and ground-water level data for each State. For Wyoming the title is "Water Resources Data for Wyoming - Water Year (date): U.S. Geological Survey Water-Data Report [WY-(year)-1 or 2]". Reports for 1971-74 are unnumbered.

Flood information.—Methods for estimating the magnitude and frequency of floods for streams in Wyoming are given in two reports: Water-Resources Investigations 76-112 and Water-Supply Paper 2056 (see listings that follow). The U.S. Geological Survey also outlines flood-prone areas on topographic maps as part of a nationwide Federal program for managing flood losses. In Wyoming 225 topographic maps have been completed. These maps are available from the District Office in Cheyenne.

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